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# GCSE pass rate set for record rise

Education Editor

GCSE results, which will be released to 600,000 young people tomorrow, are expected to show a record pass-rate.

The increase will trigger a renewed argument about whether standards are sliding, but examiners and academics are confident that the improvement shows a genuine advance in students' performance.

The proportion of exam entries awarded grades A\* - C, the equivalent of a pass under the old O-levels, is understood to have risen by just over 1 per cent, to around 55 per cent. The percentage of passes has

gone up every year since the GCSE exam replaced O-levels nine years ago, but recent increases have been lower than those in the exam's early days. Last year's rise was 1 per cent.

Increases in the percentage of pupils awarded the two top grades of A or A\* are levelling off in some subjects.

This year's figures are expected to continue last year's trend, with the total number of entered failing to keep pace with the growing number of 16-year-olds.

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Several major subjects are expected to show a fall in the number of entries. Teachers leaders blamed the fall on schools' decisions to hold back weak candidates to boost their exam league table positions. League tables, introduced in 1991, show the proportion of pupils gaining five  $A^* - C$ .

But the Department for Education said at the time that schools had no incentive to withdraw weak pupils, as the figures are based nn the total



number of pupils eligible for the exam, not on the number who actually sit them.

There may be other explanations for a drop in entries, including the growing number of pupils taking vocational qualifications. Statistics show that fewer lower sixth-formers are resitting GCSEs, and more are taking vocational courses.

Some schools may have decided to reduce the number of subjects taken by less able pupils in the hope that they will score more highly by concen-trating on fewer subjects. And the upturn in the econ-

omy may have encouraged more pupils to leave school at Easter and take jobs without waiting for their examinations. David Blunkett, the Secretary

of State for Education, has expressed concern about the numher of pupils leaving schools without any qualifications more than one in seven.

He is also worried that the gap between the best and worstperforming pupils at GCSE is widening. Some experts fear

that the least able pupils are being neglected as schools concentrate on those capable of

getting C grades.

The Government has already set national targets for 11-yearolds in English and maths. Officials from the Department for Education and the School Curriculum and Assessment Authority are investigating how schools could set targets for GCSE performance.

The improvement in GCSE results will bring criticisms from traditionalists that the exam is less tough than the old O-level. However, exam officials say that GCSE exams are subject to

strict monitoring by the curriculum authority and checks are carried out to ensure that standards for all exam boards are comparable. Alan Smithers, professor of

public policy at Brunel University, said last night: "I do think that this improvement is genuine, as teachers and students become more familiar with the requirements of what is needed to do well."

He said that those who befailed to understand how exams had changed. The purpose of Olevel was to pick out the brightcst, but the aim of the GCSE was to have a worthwhile qualification for everyone.

t Student teachers may be offered "salaries" to forestall a recruitment crisis. Senior officials at the Department for Education have discussed back-dating part of a qualified teacher's salary. The National Association of

Head Teachers will propose such a scheme in its evidence to the review body on teachers' pay, Applications for teacher training have fallen sharply this year.

# Surf's up – and it's hotter than Barbados



Louise Hancock and Lucy McDonald

As Britain headed for the hottest August since records began, the country's leading marriage counselling service yesterday predicted an upsurge in domestic strife, and the RAC

The heatwave is raising temperatures in more ways than one, according to Relate, which anticipates an increased number of calls after the holiday period. Julia Colc. a Relate counsellor, said: "The hot pleaded with irate motorists weather will be magnifying

not to get too hot under the problems because, as people are stressed out, they are less likely to be patient and are more

likely to snap at their partner. During periods of bot weather, people drink a lot more, especially alcohol, and we know alcohol and marital relationsbips don't mix - and can lead to violence."

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callouts as vehicles and drivers' tempers overheat."Without question, drivers do become less tolerant as the temperature goes up and levels of aggression and confrontation do increase". Holidaymakers in Barbados had to make do with a high of gy weather elsewhere.

The RAC bas recorded a 30C yesterday, while Londoners higher than normal number of sweltered in 32C. Forecasters are predicting that the humid weather will persist over the next few days, with a risk of localised thunderstorms. The Bank Holiday weekend

will bring cooler temperatures

in the west, but warm and mug-

# Third MP suspended by Labour

Political Correspondent

Labour suspended its third MP in as many months last night after an internal inquiry found the Renfrewshire member Tommy Graham guilty of smearing a number of his colleagues. One of them, the Paisley South MP Gordon McMaster, committed suicide last month.

Nick Brown, the party's chief whip, ordered disciplinary action against Mr Graham - a decision which overshadowed yesterday's launch of the "yes" campaign for Scottish devolution - hut cleared him of any part in the death. Labour will now hold a further inquiry into Mr Graham's conduct and send in a task force to look at the running of his constituency.

Mr Brown found that Mr Graham spread unfounded rumours about Mr McMaster's said there were "serious arate statement from Mr private life. A note left by the grounds for investigation", in-

MP accused both Mr Graham and Labour's former deputy chief whip, Don Dixon, of conspiring against him.

Mr Brown said: "The whole affair has had the effect of bringing the party into disrepute and destabilising local politics in Renfrew. I do, of course, make no presumption of guilt." Mr Graham said in a statement last night that he wel-

comed the chance to answer the allegations and clear his name. Tom Sawyer, the party's general secretary, will oversee the further investigations. Labour will co-operate with a police investigation into claims that public money was used to fund a company which laundered drug money - one Labour councillor and one former councillor con-

suspended. A statement issued last night



TOmmy Graham: Said to have spread unfounded rumours

cluding allegations that Mr Graham had maintained connected with the firm have been nections with a suspended councillor, Paul Mack. A sep-

tinnal Executive Committee would carry out the further investigation while the task force would report to him. Mr Graham's constituency would be run under his direct supervision in the interim. It said there would also be a probe into the running of the Paisley North constituency, whose MP, Irene Adams, was a close friend of Mr McMaster's.

Two Paisley North members had been accused of trying to get Mr Mack elected as a councillor after he was suspended. said. There would also be a full membership check in Pais-Mr Sawyer said: "Labour is

an open and democratic party. We will not tolerate malpractice or any activities which do not uphoid our high standards." Yesterday Mr Mack, a former

deputy leader of Renfrew District Council who is now an independent councillor, said the

against natural justice. Raymond Robertson, the chairman of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association and a former Scottish Office minister, called for a full public inquiry into the allegations about the Labour Party in Scotland last night.

"It is no longer good enough for Labour to promise internal inquiries and to pledge to put biggst killers, is defying new treatments. its own house in order. The les son of recent weeks is that Labour are simply unable to take the effective action neces-

sary," he said.
Two other Labour MPs have been suspended since May 1. Mohammed Sarwar, the member for Glasgow Govan, was accused of trying to hribe an election rival and Bob Wareing. member for Liverpool Derby, was found to have failed to register an interest in an Eastern

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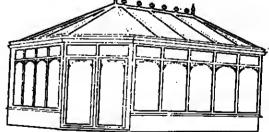
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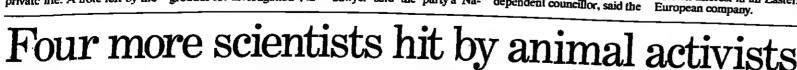
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Four more scientists at Oxford University have suffered attacks by animal rights activists. trying to draw attention to a fellow activist who is no hunger

strike in jail. The new cases emerged last night after The Independent highlighted an assault on Professor Colin Blakemore, whose car was vandalised at his Oxfordshire home on Saturday.

Yesterday, the Animal Libcration Front phoned The Independent claiming responsibility for the Blakemore attack and admitting a further four attacks on Oxford University scientists on the same

Barry Horne, a remand pris-

oner in Bristol Prison, began his hunger strike on 11 August. He claims the Government has reneged on pre-election promises on animal experimentation.

Rohin Wehh, spokesman for the ALF, said: "Five torturers all had their vehicles done and some of their homes were targeted. This is to show support for Barry Horne and disgust at the Government and scientists who use animals. The severity of actions can be escalated."

The ALF gave The Indepen-dent a list of those targeted on Saturday. One professor, who refused to be named, said: Paintstripper was thrown over my car, the tyres were slashed and the words 'Murderous scum' were sprayed on my

have been approached. We have been warned they were going to hot up their campaign. The scientists said they had little knowledge of the hunger

Professor John Hopewell, director of research at the Research Institute, Oxford said: "I do not even know the name Barry Horne but my house was vandalised. In the past I've been targeted but this is the first time my house has been damaged. It's a nuisance but it's a

bazard of the job these days." Professor Blakemore, whose family has been the focus of attack for more than 10 years, said: "These people are playing judge, jury and executioner. We will not tolerate terrorism. drive. In the past, my children And to say this is linked with

Barry Horne, well - I am not in charge of releasing prisoners, I am not even aware of the charges against him. And I am not responsible for setting up a Royal Commission.

Mr Home, charged with posassing explosive devices with intent to damage property, staged a 35-day hunger strike earlier this year. He said: "The pledges that were made by Labour were nothing more than empty words they have no intention of helpig the animals."

Mr Webb said: "We have a letter dated December from Elliot Morley, Parliamentary Secretary of the Commons, saying: We are proposing a Royal Commission to investigate the claims that animals need to be used and to recommend on alternatives'. constitute 0.1 per cent.

What happened to that?" A Home Office spokeswoman said a Royal Commission was

unnecessary.

Referring tn Mr Murley's comments she said: "December was a long time before the election. Besides, we already have an excellent source of independent advice - the Animal Procedures Committee." Last year 2.7 million proce-

dures were performed using animals, an increase of 0.3 per cent on 1995. (One procedure is roughly equivalent to one animal.) However, since 1974, when 5.5 million were used, the number has more than halved. Ninety per cent of the animals are used for medical research and development. Cosmetics

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### **Husband and son detained** over wife's disappearance

The husband and son of Sandie Bowen, who went missing two weeks ago, were arrested by detectives yesterday.

Mike Bowen, 52, and his 19-year-old son Victor were arrested at 6am by detectives investigating the disappearance of the 53-yearold catering worker. The two men were being interviewed by

old catering worker. The two men were being interviewed by detectives at separate police stations.

Police yesterday confirmed that they were treating the case as suspicious, although they are still looking for Mrs Bowen, of Llandogo, Monmouthshire. She vanished after being dropped off at a bus stop in Newport, Gwent, by her husband, who had earlier accused her of having an affair and announced he was starting divorce proceedings. Mr Bowen, a forestry worker, issued an emotional plea for his wife to contact police after she disappeared. He revealed she had recently been in hospital and was depressed after receiving treatment for rheumatoid arthritis.

Detective Inspector Terry Hapgood, of Gwent Police, said: "We are now treating Mrs Bowen's disappearance as suspicious, and foul play is suspected."

### Accused man attacked in the dock

A man accused of murdering 18-year-old Eliza Ward in the Belfast restaurant where they both worked was attacked in the dock at a magistrates' court yesterday. Gerard Patrick Stewart, 20, of Iris Drive, Belfast, had just been remanded in custody when a man raced from his seat and forced his way into the dock. He grabbed Stewart by the neck and started to punch him around the head and

face, then appeared to try to gouge his eyes.

It took police several minutes to restore order and detain the attacker. An RUC inspector said the incident was being investigated. Ms Ward was stabbed to death at Café Society, where she was manageress, on 17 July. The restaurant owner, Renee Lea, 52, was stabbed in the back in the same incident and Stewart, who was employed as a kitchen porter, is also charged with her attempted murder. He was remanded in custody until 16 September.

### Roses named for Dunblane dead



The teacher and 16 children who died in the Dunblane remembered in a poignant ceremony to name two rose bushes in their memory.

The Gwen Mayor and Innocence roses were chosen by Mrs Mayor's husband Rod (pictured) and the families of the children who were killed last year. Sixteen Innocence plants and a single Gwen Mayor bush were planted to form the centrepiece on a roundabout in Dunblane. The ceremony took place on the 10th auniversary of

another gun atrocity, in which 16 people died in Hungerford, Berkshire. The roses were developed by James Cocker and Sons, Aberdeen, with the support of the Dunblane Fund.

### Girls arrested after pensioner attack

Three girls were arrested yesterday by police investigating an incident in which an 83-year-old woman was terrorised in her house for five hours before being burgled.

One of the girls is 11 and the others are aged 13, police said. An 18-year-old boy was arrested at the same time for allegedly handling stoleo goods. A Scotland Yard spokesman said the four had been arrested at addresses in Hounslow and Chiswick, west London, and were being questioned in various police stations. Rosie Howes was left suffering from "psychological trauma" after her ordeal at her home in west Loodon on Sunday.

### Possible drugs link to shooting

An 18-year-old man who was gunned down in a street by a killer who placed a gun against his head may have been murdered as part of an argument over drugs, it emerged yesterday.

Joel Nubie, who lived with his mother and stepfather in the

winson Greeo area of Birmingham, was found lying in the sire on Monday night after he was shot in the forehead at point-blank range. There were reports of an argument taking place in the area at the time of the murder. Police said that the dead man was not a "hardeoed" street criminal, although Mr Nubie was known to police and had a previous conviction for possessing a small amount of crack cocaine. The Winson Green area has been the scene of gang feuds and police are investigating drug links to the killing, but have no evidence so far to suggest that this was the cause of the violence. Detective Chief Inspector Adrian McAllister said it was "a cold-blooded, calculated killing". **Jason Bennetto** 

### **Network Card threat derailed**

The threat of restricting the use of the off-peak Network Card for almost half a million rail passengers has been derailed following the intervention of the rail regulator.

The 17 companies that issue the cards, including Stagecoach, Virgin, Counca and Great Western, received protests from passenger groups and the rail regulator, John Swift QC. Originally the operators had wanted the card, which is regularly used by 430,000 travellers, not to be allowed on any train leaving London stations on weekdays between 4pm and 7.30pm. This move has been abandoned, but, because the price of the card is not regulated, train companies will increase the cost of the discount card by more than 40 per cent - from £14 to £20. Randeep Ramesh

### people



### Former 'Cosmo' editor takes on new age challenge

arcelle d'Argy-Smith, the woman whose Franco hyprienated name, all-year tan and declarations fike "when in doubt buy shoes", made her the archetypal glossy magazine editor at Cosmopolitan, has essurfaced to take charge of the more sedate Woman's Journal.

Ms Smith: 50, felt ultime in a blaze of publicity in 1995 after a "multital agreement" with Terry Mansfield, the managing director of Cosmopolitan publisher Nat-Mags. Industry rumours suggested that Mr. Mansfield wished to spice up the magazine to see off the threat from tival Marie Claire. Ms Smith said they had had "worlderful moments and terrible half hours" together.

Where Cosmopolitain concentrates on sex and relationships, Woman's Journal - published by IPC Magazines, the publisher of Marie Claire - is aimed at what it describes as the "no age woman". In reality this means women aged 35 to 55 who heave probably already sorted out their relationships.

Woman's Journal is more interested in the search

the perfect orgasm, but that may be about to change: "It's a magazine for the grown-up woman, and she in-herests me anormously," said Ms Smith yesterday. Frow have the tabulous chance to draw in these women, talk to them ... turn them on ... After all they re

most of my best friends."

When she left Cosmo she informed the world that the telephone had not stopped ringing and the bouquets of flowers had not stopped activing. Since then, however she has been working as a freelance journalist withing about "downshifting" your career and appearing in diary columns, She also worked as a presenter on satellite television and host of Down Vicenter on satellite television and host of Down Vicenter on satellite. evision and host of Down Your Way on BBC;

IPC described Ms Smith yesterday as a legend to women's magazines. The previous editor, Deirdre Vine, has left to spend more time with her family, according to a company spokeswoman.

Paul McCann

### Marriage that has lasted

for 75 years
A retired steelworker and his wife - thought to be longest-married couple in the country - celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary

Ninety-nine-year-old Tom Blacker and his wife Rene, 97, of Thrybergh, near Rotherham, South Yorkshire, marked the occasion with a party for their family, which

spans five generations. The year that Mr and Mrs Blacker were married, 1922, saw the birth of the Irish Free State and of the BBC. The Irish Nationalist leader Michael Collins was shot and killed while the Blackers were

on their honeymoon in Whitby. They had one son, Peter - now aged 74 - and thair family includes 15 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

The couple (pictured above) are believed to be Britain'a oldest married coupla, and their



celebration yesterday brings them within seven years of the record for e UK marriage held by James and Sarah Ann Burgess of Bermondsey, south London, who were married for 82 years. Mrs Burgess died in 1965 aged 100.

The longest marriage on record lasted 86 years until 1940, between Sir Temulji Bhicaji Nariman and Lady Nariman of Bombay, India. They were married at the aga of five.

Susle Currie

### Why silence was golden for Fashanu

The former footballer and television presenter John Fashanu, cleared earlier this month of match-rigging charges, yesterday defended his decision to stay silent throughout his trial.

Mr Fashanu, 34, insisted he had been totally vindicated by the outcome of the trial and that "no shred of evidence" had been produced egainst him. But he refused to explain why he had opened a bank account in someone else's name and why money had supposedly been paid into other people's accounts on his behalf.

He said he did not accept that tha trial judge's decision to order him to pay his estimated £650,000 costs implied any shadow of guilt on his part. He insisted: "The verdict has already stated categorically that I'm not guilty and the fact that I intend to appeal against having to pay the costs underlines that even more.

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### briefing

### Students unprepared for cost of university life

Most studeots believe that they will get through university without having to borrow any money despite overwhelming evidence to the

A new study by Nat West bank shows that 61 per cent do not expect to take ont loans: in practice tens of thousands students contrary. graduate with five-figure debts.

Researchers questioned 1,200 A-level students just days after the Government announced that, from next September, students will be asked to pay £1,000 a year towards their tuition fees, at present paid wholly by the taxpayer. Studeots aiready take out loans towards living costs. Nearly a quarter of the students questioned gave no figures for rent or hills when they were asked to plan the costs of undergraduate living, but 55 per cent made an allowance for the council tax even though students do not have to pay it.

The bank advises students to live in university-owned housing for

The bank advises students to live in university-owned housing for their first year because they will then know exactly how much they need to pay for accommodation each term. It also suggests that they should have controlled a controlled to pay for accommodation each term. they should have only one current account - as students with more than one are likely to have higger debts – and that they should also apply for a government loan in plenty of time, as the money may take longer to arrive than they expect.

Judith Judi

### ENTERTAINMENT

### TV viewers tune into new format

The observational documentary looks set to take over from traditional studio quiz and chat shows as the new light entertainment format following the success of Airport, BBCI's fly-on-the-wall documentary about Heathrow.

Airport - which attracted a consistent andience of between 9 and 10 million starses according to the letter RAPR andience flowers -

10 million viewers, according to the latest BARB audience figures—beat ITV's Ain't Misbehavin, starring Robson Green and Jerome Flynn, and Undercover Customs which ran against it. It was only stopped from topping the BBC's ratings by EastEnders' 14 million viewers. The success of the fly-on-the-

wall programme's second series follows big andiences for Driving School, the BBC's painfully funny documentary series about people having

driving lessons. The efforts of one pupil Maureen Rees (right) made her into a national Paul McCann celebrity.



### PERSONAL FINANCE

### Banks 'short-changing customers'

Millions of bank customers are being short-changed on their current account interest, a report claimed yesterday.

According to the latest banking survey from the Abbey National, about 16 million of the UK's 61 million current account holders receive no interest at all oo their credit balances - an estimated £130m loss in potential interest per year. But the report emphasised it was not just those with non-interest bearing accounts who are losing out. About a third of customers, or 12.5 million accounts, who are paid interest on their funds, said they were

accounts, who are paid interest on their funds, said they were dissatisfied with the rate they receive — mainly because of the flat rate they were paid, irrespective of their balance amount.

Of particular concern, the report said, is that nearly 2.5 million customers are still very unhappy with their current existing current account, while just under a million are "extremely dissatisfied". Two out of five blame their discontent on shoddy levels of service and errors made on their accounts, while one in these are distanced. errors made on their accounts, while one in three are dissatisfied with service charges such as duplicate statements and stopped cheques.

### HEALTH

### Doctors in call for free condoms

Condoms should be available free on the NHS from a wider variety of outlets to help combat unwanted teenage pregnancies, doctors

said yesterday. The British Medical Association said consideration should be given to handing not free condoms in chemist's shops because teenagers tend to avoid GP surgeries for contraceptive advice and men don't like going to family planning clinics, where condoms are already available free. A spokesman said the additional cost was balanced by the enormous cost to the NHS of unwanted pregnancies. The BMA recommendation is made in its evidence to a government committee reviewing prescription procedure and the supply of medicines. Jeremy Laurance

### TELECOMMUNICATIONS

### Chatlines facing new controls

People whose phones are used to run up hills to "virtual" chatlines without their permission should be compensated, a telephone watchdog said today.

More than 15 million calls worth £30m are made each year to-

the chat-lines in which callers exchange recorded messages rather than have live conversations. In the first half of this year, 210 complaints were received about high bills from "virtual" chat-lines, 55 of them about high bills and allegations of unauthorised use. Disputed bills range from less than £10 to hundreds of pounds and "a handful" of hills running into four figures.

ICSTIS, the premium rate phone line watchdog, said although the number of complaints was small in relation to the high volume of calls, it wants all operators to put better systems in place to

Under the proposed new guidelines, the watchdog would have the power to compel service providers to compensate customers with valid claims if the dispute could not be resolved. It is also calling for a crackdown on under-18s using the services and wants operators to warn customers after each £10 spent on a call to help them keep track of mounting costs. If accepted, the proposals would be hinding on all virtual-chatline operators. Live chatlines were effectively banned from the telephone network after companies failed to pay into a fund set up to compensate people whose phones had been used without their permission.

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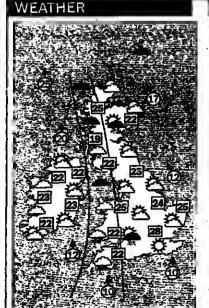
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and warm this afternoon. Western Scotland, Wales and the West Country will also be quite warm but there will be a good deal of cloud and some showery rain. Eastern Scotland, north-west England, the West Midlands and central southern England will have hot sunshine but an increase in cloud this afternoon may bring showers or thunderstorms. Eastern and south-eastern England should be

mainly fine and hot with sunny spells.

Tomorrow, eastern and south-eastern England will have another hot day with hazy sun-

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> Greeopcace was last night served with an injunction preventing any further disruption of BP's drilling in Atlantic oil fields

off the west coast of Scotland. Following the decision by the Court of Sessions in Edinburgh, BP offered to suspend its action for £1.4m damages provided the eovironmental campaigning organisation and its seoior campaigners observed

BP's principal concern is

the company said, "rather, it is to ensure that its lawful operations are not interfered with and that safety is not compromised. BP has never questioned Greenpeace's right to campaign on cli-mate change issues. But we do object to their employing

unlawful tactics." Greenpeace responded by agreeing to abide by the inter-dict, but vowed to cootinue opposing new oil exploration in the Foinaven field and elsewhere. "BP is one of the richest oil

ing its resources to stifle free and open discussion about environmeotal dangers that will affect us all," said Chris Rose, Greenpeace's acting executive director.

BP is suing Greeopeace for £1.4m in damages for losses dur-ing the group's week-long occupation of the Stena Dee oil installation which ended on Sunday. It hopes to have the first of its new fields at Foinaven on stream and producing up to 100,000 barrels of oil a day by the end of the year.

haok account containing £160,000 was frozen by the court and covironmentalists claim the legal action could lead to bankruptcy and threaten the pressure group's survival.
John Sauven, a Greenpeace

of bullying tactics. "Their profits amount to hillions. It's a hugely profitable organisation. By comparison ours is tiny."

Mr Sauven described BP's seizure of assets as "insidious", adding: "We have skirmishes in

campaign director, accused BP

er experienced anything like this

He believed that BP's legal action against Greenpeace would backfire. It could only suggest that the oil company was extremely concerned about Greenpeace's plans to take on the Government and 21 oil companies, including BP, at the High Court in London next month in an attempt to have the oil exploration licences for the Atlantic frontier declared unlawful

"One can only conclude that they are worried by the success of what Greenpeace is doing," said Mr Sauven. "They obvi-ously thought they could go to the courts behind our backs and

that would be the end of it ... What are they going to achieve by this? All they are doing is getting a lot of had publicity. Indeed, various political parties spoke out last night against BP's behaviour. The Liberal Democrats accused BP of "mas-

sively overreacting". Nick Harvey, the MP for

Devon North, said it was "another example of a major multinational company using its massive legal muscle to crush legitimate opposition."

Instead of putting all their energy into attacking Green-peace, they should be putting their energy into developing solar power which will help to provide a solution to the challenge

of climate change."

The Green Party said it had already called for an internanional boycott of BP products, particularly petrol stations.

Niki Kortvelyessy, speaker of the European Federation of Greeo Parties, said that groups in 70 countries would take part

in the boycott.
She added: "Oil companies are determined to drain the planet of its last drop of oil, so we can burn it in the atmosphere, resulting in catastroph-

"It will be companies like BP who will be on the receiving end of demands for compensation in the future, but the amounts will run into trillions."

## Ashes to ashes, and dust to fish food...

Jojo Moyes

A dedicated angler from Somerset has changed his will so that after his death he can thaok his favourite fish for a lifetime's pleasure - by

becoming hait,
Pete Hodge, from
Bridgwater in Somerset, has asked that his ashes be mixed with 50 halls of groundbait (finely minced crumbs) and then catapulted into the River Huotspill.

Like all devotees of their sport, Mr Hodge has very particular views on the specifics of his request. He can't be mixed with just any old crumb ~ he has to be mixed with the commercially sold "Sensas 3000",

"And I must be finely sieved." the hairdresser told Angler's Mail magazine, "That bait will attract my favourite fish - bream. That actual mix is a favourite of theirs ... it stimulates them."

Mr Hodge, who is known locally as "the Groundbait King" ("wherever I go I put groundbait in"), has other specifications: he has to be lobbed, not merely gently dropped, from Woolavington

"Tve got several friends

to chuck me in, but you've got to put me in with a catapult. That's my style," be said.

Fifty balls of groundbait, he admitted yesterday, is a lot of halis. The most one would usually put io at any ooe time is six, so that part of the river is likely to attract veritable shoals of fish.

Mr Hodge acknowledged that if other anglers were to discover where his bait balls were going to be placed, they may well come and fish in that stretch. But he says he has no concerns that one of his friends - or even his wife - might end up eating him.

'No one eats bream. Eveotually the fish will die, or they'll get eaten by eels or birds," he said, "Somebody should be able to catch them. For the rest of time I'll be swimming up and down that

His wife, he says, is perfectly happy with the arrangement.

In the meantime, the bream can look forward to a veritable feast. "They may have a bit of a wait yet," said Mr Hodge, who is aged 51. But you never know, do



Baited death: Keen angler Pete Hodge - the Groundbalt King - has requested his ashes are made into fish food

Photograph: Rob Stratton

### Spacewalk may not solve Mir's problems

Charles Artizur Science Editor

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A dangerous spacewalk to restore full power on board the Mir space station could go ahead tomorrow, after the three astronauts on board managed to restart a malfunctioning computer that had left them in a tumbling orbit.

But the problem prompted the Russian mission controller. Victor Blagov, to comment: "We really have to decide soon whether we need safety or mon-

Mir had been in a chaotic orbit for almost 24 hours after a computer system crashed on

trying to dock with a cargo said. ship. Yesterday the three meo two Russians and a British-

American, Michael Foale restarted the 11-year-old system, meaning that the space station can be reoriented so that its solar panels will catch the sun. When the computer failed,

the statioo automatically switched off all but vital life sup-Mr Blagov said the cosmo-

nauts might take a spacewalk to Mir's holed and airless Spektr module tomorrow, a day later than initially scheduled. "Once they have the computer running and solar panels oriented to the

Mir has been underpowered by at least 30 per ceot since with an uncrewed cargo ship on 25 June, during docking practice. It was the worst accident yet. The cosmonauts must enter the module to reconnect electric cables from Spektr's solar panels to the main ship.

Mr Blagov also complained that a lack of cash was behind Monday's computer crash, as Mir equipment has to be used until it virtually falls apart. The faulty computer unit, which exchanges data between all peripheral system parts and the computer



An anxious moment in ion control vesterday

centre, had not been changed for almost 11 years, he added. This interface malfunctioned. Unfortunately it happened during a docking procedure. During a routine flight there would be oo consequences," Mr Blagov said. Even so, Mir's commander, Anatoly Solovvov, managed to complete a safe docking manually.

### Murdered nurse's brother keeps clemency option open for Britons

The brother of a ourse allegedly murdered by two British coleagues in Saudi Arabia spoke yesterday of the power of life and death he will wield over the Britons if they are found guilty.

But, speaking in conciliatory tones for the first time, Frank Gilford said he had not ruled out a plea for clemency on the omen's behalf. "There is no foregone con-

clusion that we are going to say right, we want their heads chopped off," Mr Gilford told Reuters news agency in a ref-erence to the public beheading that could await Deborah Par31, if they are convicted of

ling Yvonne Gilford last year. Mr Gilford and his mother, Muriel, 84, have the right to demand the death penalty under Saudi law. Until now, his stance has appeared to be firmly in favour of beheading, but yes-terday his tone sounded softer.

"We have not ruled out the death penalty, but then again we have not ruled it in," he said from his home in Jamestown, north of Adelaide. "We have never demanded it definitely had to be the death penalty. We have not knocked back our optioo of exercising our rights [to

grant] clemency.

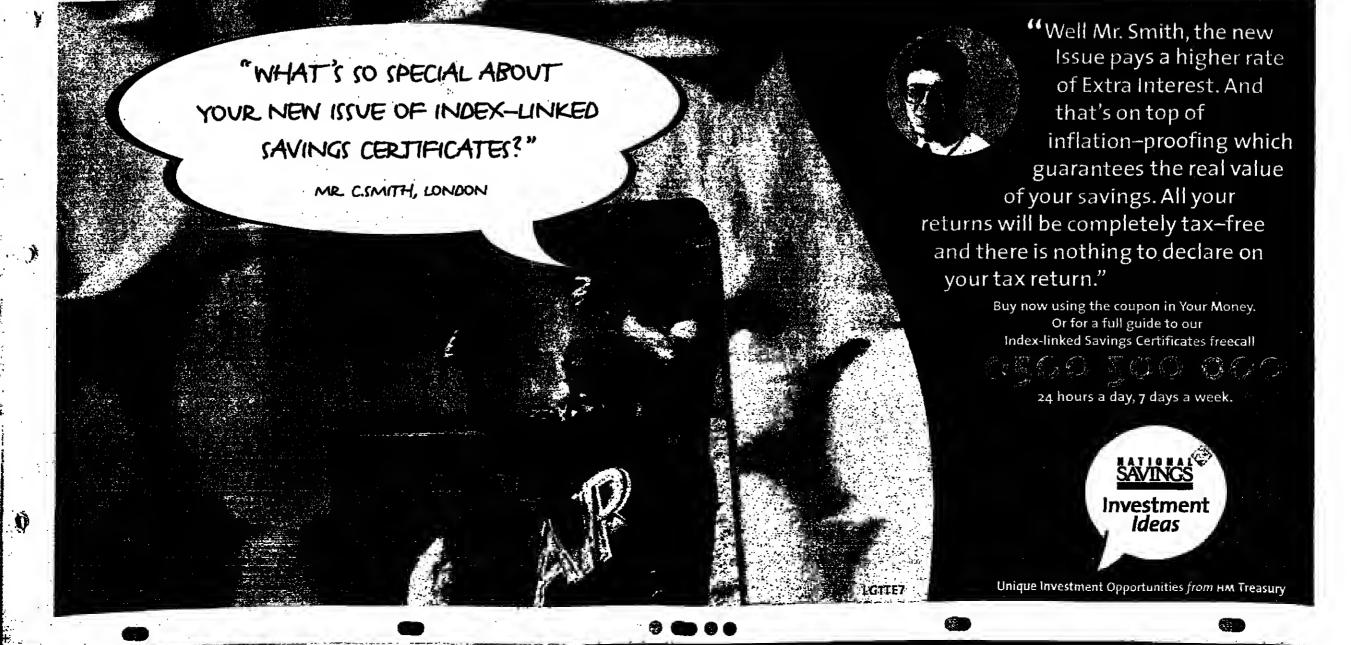
for the court to make a decision and then we can say right, we felt with the Saudi court's verdict expected soon, Mr Gilford said: "Not very comfortable. It is oot a situation I would wish oo my worst enemy, it is a position I do not feel any per-

son should be put in."
His sister's body was discovcred in her room at the King Fahd medical complex in Dhahran last December. She had been stabbed, beaten and suffocated. Yesterday, Mr Gilford launched what appeared to be a legal move to outflank the British nurses' lawyers in an

his mother was not competent to demand the death penalty which must be called for by the victim's family unanimously -Alzheimer's disease. Mr Gilford applied to be

representatives had argued that

made her guardian so that he could make her demand for her. However, he said his motives were not designed to guarantee a death penalty. "My motivation is to look after my family unit. All this is doing is to pick on a poor old lady who is 84 and whose only crime is to be old and feeble and to have a daugh-ter who was cruelly murdered."



# Bird leaves speed team with nothing to crow about . R.-



Road worthy: Colin Fallows, driving a jet-powered racing car, tries to break the British land speed at Elvington airfield, near York, yesterday

Charles Arthur Science Editor

A wayward crow put paid to an attempt to break the British land speed record yesterday, when it crashed into the air intake of a jetpowered drag racing car travelling at 150mph. The mishap happened

at Elvington airfield, near York, when Colin Fallows was accelerating towards the target of 259 mph on the first run of the day in his specially adapted car, aiming to break the 17-year-old record.

The damage prevented the jet engine from working to capacity -but even so Mr Fallows. 47, aver-

aged 248.27mph over a quarter of a mile run during a later attempt

"The accident meant we were running 100mph short of our target. It's one of those things with record hreaking - one day it works and the next day it doesn't," said Mr Fallows, an engineer from

Hartwell in Northamptonshire. "I'm not a hig fan of wildlife at the moment, but we'll be back another day. We'll go back and have a considerable number of beers tonight and then find the spare parts, fix it and come back again."
No date was determined for the

next attempt,

The existing British record was set by Richard Noble, who is currently preparing to challenge his own world record of 633mph and break the speed of sound in a jetpowered machine during September or October at the Black Rock Desert, Nevada, in the United

Mr Fallows had hoped to break the record and reach an average speed of over 300mph on the quarter-mile run in his car, nicknamed Vampire, which is 8.8 metres long and powered by a Rolls-Royce jet engine taken from an RAF Red Arrows Gnat aircraft. On previous runs it has been

unofficially clocked at 266mph.
To qualify for a record, the car must make two runs timed by independent officials over a quartermile stretch of road or runway: the official speed is then the average of the two. Mr Fallows had hoped to exceed 300 mph in his 16-year-

Girls in adult jails. ruled unlawful

Jason Bennetto Come Correspondent

Locking up young female offenders with adult women criminals was ruled unlawful yesterday by the High Court.

the Prison Service significant disruption and expense and force them to find new places for female offenders aged under 21. The ruling is expected to affect up to 80 young female inmates who are currently in adult women jails.

Eight of the 14 women's prisons have specialist wings for young offenders, but they are full at present as the prison population continues to accelerate. There are currently 2,799 female prisoners in England and Wales,

of which 382 are aged under 21. Mr Justice Sedley and Mr Justice Astill yesterday ruled that the Home Office policy under which all young female offenders are sent automatically to one of five adult prisons for assessment and allocation to young offender units was unlawful. Young male criminals are usually sent to specialist institutions rather than adult jails.

The Home Office will now be forced to reconsider the policy. The move follows the case of a 16-year-old who spent 15 days in Risley Prison, Cheshire, sharing cells with adult prisoners, be-

fore heing released on bail, The judges were told that the girl, referred to as F, had now been found a place at Styal women's prison in Cheshire. which had facilities for juveniles, and was no longer threatened with return to Risley.

eight months for robbery, assaulting a police officer, disor-derly behaviour and other

In a judicial review hearing, her counsel. Ian Wise, argued for young offenders should be exercised only in individual cases and in exceptional circumstances, whereas the practice

was applied to all juvenile girls. Mr Wise said: "There are. of course, no young offender institutions specifically for fe-males, only female prisons which have been designated as having a dual purpose for adult and young offenders."

The judges said they would the representations of the purpose for their designations.

give reasons for their decision to rule the practice unlawful at a later date, but added that in the meantime, the Home Office "may be able to consider what it can and should do to meet the legal situation as we hold it to

Robin Tam, for the Home Office, said the fact that all girls were sent initially to prison did not mean their cases were not being individually considered. The prison authorities needed to assess each case to make a rational decision on placement.

The case follows a recent report by the Chief Inspector of Prisons, Sir David Ramsbotham, in which he expressed concern about the mixing of girl offenders with adult female prisoners.

The Howard League for Penal Reform, which supported the case, said the practice is in breach of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.



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# w about. IRA inmates moved from special units

Jason Bennetto Crime Correspondent

The 13 most dangerous IRA prisoners held in Britain have been moved out of their topsecurity units in the run-up to the Northern Ireland peace

talks, it was revealed yesterday. The men are to enjoy less restrictive regimes after having their security status downgraded. The move was condemned

by Unionists who accused the Government of being weak on terrorism. Sinn Fem gave the news a guarded welcome.

The men include the six terrorists jailed for 35 years each in July for attempting to briog chaos to the South-east by blowing up electricity sub-stations. This included senior IRA members Gerard Haoratty, 38, and John Crawley, a 40-year-old former US Marine, who were

released from prison terms dur-ing the last ceasefire.

The move means that there will no looger be any IRA prisoners, either charged or convicted, held in the three Special Secure Units at Belmarsh io south-east London, Whitemoor in Cambridgeshire and Full Sutton in York.

Instead the men have been placed in the high-security wings of the three jails plus pris-

ons at Frankland, near Durham. Long Lartin, Worcestershire, and Wakefield, West Yorkshire. The special unit at Full Sutton

is oow to be "mothballed". The decision to downgrade their security category from exceptional risk Category A to high risk Category A follows information from MI5 and the police that the risk of escape had decreased, the Prison Service said yesterday. One other in-

links, has also been moved.

The men will now be allowed greater freedom to mix with other inmates and use general facilities and can have open visits" with relatives in which they will be able to touch one another. All visitors to the secure units, which still hold about 20 inmates, are prevented from contact with prisoners by a glass screen. There are 27 IRA members in English jails. Jack Straw, the Home Secretary, and Joyce Quin, the Prisons Minister, agreed to the decision to move the IRA men out of the security units. Coming four weeks before the start of talks on the Province's future at which Sino Fein is expected to be represented for the first

time, they are seen as a con-

cession to nationalists who have

long criticised the conditions in

John Taylor, the deputy leader of the Ulster Uniooists, accused ministers of actiog "recklessly" and of ignoring police advice in the face of a cootinuing terrorist threat. "It seems to me that the police on both sides of the border remain concerned that there will be a

return to IRA violence," he said. Ian Paisley Jnr. the Democratic Unionist Party's justice

which IRA members are kept.

spokesman, claimed the Government was preparing public opinion for an early release programme for terrorist prisoners. This status downgrade will ... weaken the structure and control exercised over some of the most dangerous terrorist criminals in Europe," he said.

Sinn Fein, meanwhile, said that it will cootinue to press for the transfer and release of all

# Auditor to name junket councillors

Christian Wolmar Westminster Correspondent

More than 40 councillors and council officers in Doncaster have received letters from the district auditor warning them they are to be named and criticised in a report into the jun-

keting scandal at the council. The letters have prompted Labour councillors to start paying £10 a week into a special legal fund to seek advice should the district auditor threaten them with surcharge or repay-

meot of hospitality.

Most of the recipients of the letters are councillors and ioclude virtually all the leading councillors on the Labour-dominated council purged from their committee positions after the allegations of unauthorised foreign trips and boozy lunches were first reported in The Independent earlier this year.

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In addition, a few former councillors, including ex-leader Gordon Gallimore, and senior officers, locluding former chief executive Doug Hale, are known to have received letters relating to a trip to Germany.

Several councillors, including at least one Tory, have started repaying the cost of hospitality received in an effort to allay criticism but police sources have indicated this will not exempt them from prosecution s investigations reveal that a crime has been committed.

The district auditor first revealed in February his coocerns

that trips to many parts of the world, including China, Poland, Germany and the United States may not have been properly sanctioned by the council.

There are two other inquiries into allegations of wrongdoing at the council. The police are focusing on allegations that some developers were given favourable treatment while the council itself is also looking at

While the letters suggest that the recipients will be criticised in the report, the aim is to give them one last chance to explain their conduct. A council source said: "Many of the councillors are appalled about what they have been sent and are hoping they can meet the district auditor to discuss the allegations," The district auditor has giv-

en the recipients notil the end of the month to respond but as it is the holiday period, they will probably have a couple of weeks' grace.
The Labour group oo Doo-

caster voted on Monday to request its 58 members contribute £10 per week out of their own pockets, up to a maximum of £100, to enable the group to seek legal advice collectively.

While most have agreed to pay the amount, several have refused. One refusenik told The Independent: "I've done nought see why they are getting joint le gal advice, when each case is differeot depending on how many trips they went on.



Ufe-choice: Child members of the Bruderhof Anabaptist community demonstrated for the abolition of the death penalty outside the American Embassy in London yesterday. Other members of Bruderhof, which has communities in Kent and East Sussex, are today marching to SCI Greene, a death row prison in Pennsylvania Photograph: Nicola Kurtz

# Police investigate death of actor who hanged on stage

Kim Sengupta

Police in Greece have launched an investigation into whether the hanging death of a young British actor playing Judas in the musical Jesus Christ Superstar was an accideot or suicide.

More than 600 spectators, including young children, were left shocked and distressed when they saw the body of Anthony Wheeler, 26, dangling from a prop rope at the open-air show in the scene where Judas takes his own life.

Mr Wheeler had been working at the same show at the Sani Beach hotel in the Halkidiki peninsula for the past three three summers, and was experienced at his act. He was supposed to suspend himself from a scaffold on the stage and free himself when the lights weot out. It has been reported that he had failed to take the normal precaution of attaching a safety harness which could have saved his life during the performance on Sunday.

Two leading animal welfare

charities yesterday urged peo-

ple to neuter their pets to pre-

vent the country being overrun

by stray cats and dogs, writes
Kate Watson-Smyth.

The Cats Protection League said the risk of a "plague" of cats,

fuelled mainly by unwanted and abandoned kittens, was now so

great that it had launched a na-

tionwide neutering campaign to prevent the problem becom-

ing an "epidemic".



on the show for three years

Wheeler: Worked

ty said there were at least 1 mil- tering their cat, they are de-

Nikos Vassiliadis, a coroner at nearby Salonika, said: "We know the death was a result of strangulation by rope. It is either an accident or a suicide, but that is for the police to decide". He added that tests were

heing carried out to ascertain whether there was any physical ailment which could have caused Mr Wheeler to forget to

lion unneutered cats in Britain

and that figure could multiply to more than 7 million by the

five years, can be directly responsible for as many as 20,000

One single female cat, over

Mike McCawley, chief exec-

utive of the League, said: "The public, especially so-called cat

overs, oeed further education

year 2010.

descendants.

Andreas Birner, sales and marketing manager at Sani Beach, said that Mr Wheeler had a new girlfriend and did not appear to be depressed. He said: "Last year he was on his own, hut this year he had a girlfriend. Her came is Nicole and she is Germao. Obviously she is depressed, and she has gone back to Germany.

"The coroner's report has been delayed because of the police inquiry, but we hope it will be out soon"

Dimitris Hatziyannakis, manager of Sani Beach, said: "We don't know how it happened. He had worked for us for three years. You can imagine the pandemooium when it happeoed. There were people screaming and crying and the other actors were terribly shocked. He was a pleasant

hard-working person and popular with his colleagues." As the audience, many in tears, were hurriedly cleared the

show's director tried unsuc-

stroying its quality of life.
"It's truly amazing that peo-ple will allow their cats to re-

"Unneutered cats are also far

more vulnerable to contagious

and fatal diseases which spread more rapidly among those that

have not been operated on. Not

The warning came as a sur-

vey revealed that more stray stroyed.

to neuter is sheer cruelty."

produce constantly.

Wheeler. A number of the guests, mostly from Britain and Germany, were taking part in the musical in minor roles.

Mr Wheeler, a single man was a member of a company of around 25 performers who appeared at a number of hotels in the resort area. One hotel official said: "We have had telephone calls from England from people who had known him in the past. They are very upset to hear the news."

British Embassy officials in Athens have been in touch with Mr Wheeler's family, who live oear Banbury in Oxfordshire. They are waiting for the return of his body, which would follow the presentation of the coroner's report. Charles Bird, head of the political section at the British Embassy in Athens, said: "We have extended our sympathy to the family of Mr Wheeler. We are in regular touch with the Greek officials. Officially we have been told that death is due to strangulation."

ing takeo in by local authorities. In a MORI survey commis-

sioned by the country's largest

dog welfare charity, the Na-tional Canine Defence League,

it was discovered that 106,000

stray dogs were rounded up he-

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In step: Members of the San Francisco Ballet at a warm-up class before rehearsal for yesterday's performance at the Edinburgh Playhouse. With the Scottish National Parthe dancers are performing several pieces throughout this week at the Edinburgh International Festival Photograph: Geraint Lewis ty and the Liberal Democrats

**Devolution:** Disciplinary move dominates Scotland's big day as Welsh get cash promise

# Row over MP's death eclipses 'yes' campaign

Fran Abrams Political Correspondent

The campaign for a "yes-yes" vote in Scotland's referendum on devolution struggled to get off the ground yesterday amid the growing row over the death of the Paisley MP Gordon Mc-

Both the Deputy Prime Min-ister, John Prescott, and the Minister Without Portfolio, Peter Mandelson, were expected to visit Scotland later this week to give their backing to the ini-

Labour is to launch its own "yes" campaign today, but yes-terday's joint press conference

was overshadowed by the announcement of disciplinary action against the MP for West Renfrewshire, Tommy

Donald Dewar, the Secretary of State for Scotland and leader of the Scottish Labour Party, appealed to journalists not to ignore the important issues surrounding the devolution vote on 11 September because of the

events in Paisley.
"I think it is a serious matter that's been seriously addressed. When the party has something to say about it, it will say it on the merit of its findings," he said. "This press conference is not about that. I hope you will respect that."

Mr Dewar was speaking at a oriefing organised by Scotland Forward - the first to bring together the country's three political parties.

He was joined by Alex Salmond, leader of the SNP, and Menzies Campbell, the Liberal Democrats' foreign affairs added.

Mr Salmond, whose party joined Scotland Forward only after a closely-argued debate, said he believed there would be a great deal of interest in the

ampaign.
"A Scottish parliament wouldn't have had the poll tax," he said. "I suspect a Scottish

parliament wouldn't have had the Skye Bridge tolls or wasted

money on HCI hospital. "A lot of concentration has been given to undemocratic decisions taken by Westmin-

Later, an SNP spokesman tried to throw a positive light on the clash between the launch and the Paisley announcement, arguing that Labour's problems in Scotland made the case for a Scottish Parliament even

more pressing. "These problems are the problems of the status quo and of the first past the post voting system. We clearly need a ocw kind of politics in Scotland," the

spokesman said. The proposed voting system for the Parliament, under which 76 members would be elected through a first past the post system and a further 56 on a proportional basis from party lists, would not oecessarily deliver Labour an absolute majority, he

Brian Monteith, co-ordinator of the Think Twice campaign against devolution, said: "We think the campaign is in a tailspin. We think the stench coming from areas such as Paisley, Monklands, Glasgow and Govan is becoming overpow-

# **Quango cuts** to cover cost of assembly

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The £20m it is expected to cost to run a Welsh Assembly would be more than met by cuts in the £826m speut annually by the principality's ubiquitous quangos, Ron Davies, the Secretary of State for Wales, said yester-

day.
"This is the definitive blow that sidelines the 'no' campaign," Mr Davies told a ocws conference in Cardiff. "Even the Tories concede that devolutioo will oot lead to the break-up of the United Kingdom and now it is clear that savings from

quangos will at least equal the assembly's running costs."

Mr Davies promised that there would be no cuts to hospitals or schools as a result of running the assembly. He added: "As well as immediate swings." I shall be looking at savings, I shall be looking at efficiency savings from the whole of the quango state to help me meet my pledge to the Welsh people."

Among the 81 quangos in Wales, five big spenders will be axed initially: The Welsh Development

velopment Ageocy (annual budget £150m), the Development Board for Rural Wales (£20m) and the Land Authority for Wales (£27.5m) will be merged to form what Mr Davies described as an economic pow-

erhouse. Consultations are already in train between the three at board level to identify savings. At present, the chief executives of the three bodies all earn more than £70,000 a year. Paring down head offices – there are two in Cardiff and one in New-town, Mid Wales - will produce further savings. The amai-

gamation inevitably means redundancies, and severance pay-ments may constrain the initial impact of the change.

The Cardiff Bay Development Corporation – chaired by Sir Geoffrey Inkin, who uosuccessfully cootested Ebbw Vale for the Tories at the 1979 election and oow earns £34,000 a year for two-and-a-half days' work per week - and the Resid-ual Body for Wales will be wound up before the assembly convenes. The Development



Ron Davies: Savings will pay for new administration

Corporation's annual expenditure tops £50m, with the residual body spending £900,000. The assembly, which is due to begin sitting in 1999, will be em-

powered to abolish or restruc-ture most of the remaining quangos, which range from the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales (annual budget £236m) to the little-known Place Names Advisory Committee, a minuscule body which consults infrequently, usually by

### DAILY POEM

**Auid Men At Dysart Cross** 

By William Hershaw

In fog of Forth, in morning frost or sun, the auld men pass the time at Dysart Cross. There's two I know – one gyte and half-ways drunk, the other crubbit, dow, shut as a door. The daft one dances on the cobble stones And talks to strangers whether folk or dogs.

Laughing at life, he hands the baim ten pence.

The sour one has a suitcase and a stick:
the graffest nod, the most laconic 'Aye', the grupest rate, we must account they he looks away, a sneer scrieved on his face.
Both hardened by how long they've weathered life below the Knock, untouched by what is new, the acid rain and ultra-violet sun these cannot harm them as they harm the young.

William Hershaw teaches English in Kirkcaldy and plays gui-tar and mandolin in a folk band. This poem comes from *The* Cowdenbeath Man, his first collection, published by Scottish Cultural Press (£4.95).



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# Deaths propel jet-skis into safety row

Steve Boggan

Calls for a ban on dangerous jetski riders are growing following a number of tragedies at home and abroad, the latest of which resulted in the death of a 17year-old girl.

The Royal Society for the so that they won't go on the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) yesterday added its voice to the demands for comreports of dangerous driving including an incident in which one jet-skier rode his machine

underneath a catamaran ferry. Last week, Fave Grundy became the latest victim of a jetski accident when she and her uncle. Tony Gee, 36, collided with a speedboat on Qucenford lake in Berinsfield. Oxfordshire. There is no suggestion that Mr Gee was at fault, but experts are concerned that, like him, anyone can hire 50mph machines with only the most hasic instruction.

"We would like to see some sort of national accreditation scheme so that people are

trained before using these machines," said Richard Tibenham, a spokesman for RoSPA. "At the very least, we believe people should be taken out personally by an instructor, given tuition and then assessed for their competence and attitude,

limits rigorously enforced. There should be very stiff fines for of-

fenders," said Mr Internation.

The number of jet-ski accidents has increased in line with raised over tighter regulations was in 1994 when Phillippa and Paul Grundy, 28, the popularity of the sport -there are an estimated 10,000 owners in Britain. Last August, water and be foolhardy."

RoSPA wants to encourage more local authorities to introduce by-laws governing speed limon top of him during a holiday

### Ducking costs a £100 fine

en the maximum speeding fine yesterday – for giving six ducks a soaking. Sivananva Vincent, a 30-

year-old artist, was booked by British Waterways officiala after a wave from his craft knocked the sunbathing ducks off a canal bank. Nottingham magistrates fined him the maximum £100 for speeding on the Beeston Canal near the city.

The magistrates were told that the powerboat was trav-

elling at 20mph - five times over the limit. Bob Oates, for the prosecution, said one witness described it as the worst case of speeding he had seen on the canal. Tax workers in a nearby office reported Vincent after they saw the ducks swept into the

Vincent, of Attenborough, Nottinghamshire, was also fined £250 for not possessing a pleasure boat licence and ordered to pay £340 costs.

its on the water and it wants those in Florida; two months later, police itself. We wouldn't like legislation but we do believe collision with a motor boat on training is important."

In America, it took a tragic accident involving the singer Gloria Estefan to wake up the authorities to the dangers of jet-Baker, 21, and Paul Grundy, 28, from Manchester, were killed skis. The star was in her twinengined powerboat off Miami when they collided with other holidaymakers on a jet-ski while Beach when a 29-year-old jet-skier ran into her boat and was killed. Both craft had been travelling at 40mph. on holiday in Turkey. The same rules governing the

hire of jet-skis in Turkey applied After she campaigned for at British holiday resorts - very controls on jet-skis, the state of few-but the Government took Florida introduced laws banning under-21s on holiday from hir-

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ing the machines unless they pass a 20-point test. Local youngsters who regularly use boats and jetskis must attend an eight-hour course on safety before being

allowed on the water. So far, there is no national legislation covering safety of jet-skis on Britain's waterways. Instead, individual resorts and local authorities have intro-Bournemouth, have introduced speed limits, while others, like Newquay, have banned them on

the grounds of noise pollution.

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# Cyprus victims 'were not drunk'

A British tourist who accuses five British soldiers of carrying out a vicious assault in a Cyprus holiday resort was yesterday involved in an angry slanging match with defence lawyers at their trial.

Sacha Wright, a 20-year-old waitress, was told she was not in a position to identify the alleged assailants, who left two of her friends bloodied and needing hospital treatment.

Ms Wright reacted with dismay as it was suggested that her group of four British tourists, wo male and two female, had started the fight after a heavy drinking bout.

"Why are you questioning me about the drink? This is about my friend being attacked," she said, "We were not drunk, We were on holiday trying to enjoy ourselves."

The day before, her friend Claire Harbour, a 22-year-old nursery nurse, had heen reduced to tears in the witness box, after two hours of ques-

She said later: "It was horrible. I felt like I was in the dock rather than being a victim. What did I do to deserve this?"

Yesterday, during three hours of questioning Ms Wright, Mr Tasso Katsikides and fellow defence lawyer John Mylonas tried to prove that the prosecution witnesses could not be certain in identifying the

soldiers. Five ritlemen, all from the 1st Battalion, King's Regiment, deny causing grievous bodily duced ad-hoc, irregular, by-laws. Some, like Blackpool and Mr Bell, 23, Mr Ford, 23, and 22-year-old Miss Harbour outside a disco at Ayia Napa on 2 August.

Four of the soldiers - Roger

Wolstencroft 26, Steven Girvan 20 - are on trial at the current

hearing. The fifth, 20-year-old Stuart Spencer, is being tried sepa-

Describing the attackers Miss Wright said: "Most had shaved heads, some had eyes which to me seemed scary and they were hig men, especially Stuart Spencer.

Having to pick out the men at a police identity parade was an ordeal, she said, adding: "I was scared because I had to put my hand on the chest of a man who attacked my friend."

Although Miss Harbour had picked out Steve Wolstencroft as one of her attackers, Miss Wright said she could not place him at the scene of the attack.

"I don't recognise him," she said as she looked at Wolstencroft. "I can't say I'm sure he was there." But, she said, she definitely

saw soldier Stuart Spencer throwing punches at victim Barry Ford.

"I saw Spencer beating up my friend. I saw him going in," she told the court.

She strongly denied sugges-tions by Mr Katsikides that Ford and friend Shane Bell, both from London, started the fight with one soldier, telling the lawyer: "I don't know what you're talking about."

The judge, Michalis Christodoulou, then told Mr Katsikides: "You are taking far too much time and going into too much detail because under normal circumstances we would be hearing one witness every hour, not every four hours."

The trial was adjourned until today, when Mr Bell and Mr Ford are due to give evidence.

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# Elderly to be sent home as hospitals prepare for winter

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Health ministers will order urgent action to clear hospital beds blocked by the elderly and make way for emergency cases this winter, it emerged yes

Thousands of old people are occupying hospital beds even though they no longer need clinical care and would be better off looked after at home. But failures by health and social services managers to work together are preventing them being moved, leading to longer waiting lists and increased pressure

ordered officials to prepare the NHS to cope with winter pressures. They are determined to avoid the situation of patients queueing on trollies and being turned away from hospitals because beds are full.

Evidence of the blocked beds is being gathered by Alan Langlands, chief executive of the NHS, who is touring the country with Sir Herbert Laming, chief inspector of social services. They have found that neighbouring health authorities with similar hospital provision and demographic profiles have very different experience of the

spokesman said: "Three years ago Birmingham had awful problems getting patients into hospital in winter.

Then health and social services managers got together and last year, although they were under the same pressures as everyone clse, it was not a problem. There are similar examples elsewhere."

The spokesman said experience showed that collaboration between social services and health anthorities "demonstrahly works".

Mr Langlands and Sir Herbert will submit a report on their findings to Paul Boateng, the health minister, at the end of their tour and a circular will be issued next month advising bealth authorities on the action they should take. Where problems cannot he sorted out, Frank Dobson, the health secretary, has said he will personally intervene.

Mr Dobson has said in recent speeches that hospitals are dangerous places for patients to be, because of the risk of infection,

would rather recuperate at home. Figures to be published today are expected to show a record 13 per cent increase in hospital waiting lists, the biggest single nanual rise since the

Responsible jet-skiers and im-

porters have tried to keep the rogue element out of the sport

and last year they introduced their own certificate of competence in

association with the British

Mark Rowley, whose com-pany Sowester is one of the

niggest importers in the coun-

try, encourages all his customers

to study for the certificate.

"They learn about safety and

maintenance and riding skills."

he said. "We think the sport can

Marine Industry Federation.

NHS began in 1948. The latest rise of 136,000 patients will take the total to 1.18 million. Ministers privately admit that Labour's manifesto pledge to cut waiting lists will not be realised for several years. Dr Evan Harris, liberal de-

mocrat health spokesman. accused the government of trying to shed responsibility for its inadequate spending plans.

To pin the hlame on social

services, the health secretary has invented a macabre Christmas game for the winter months -'pass the patient'."

Mr Harris added: "Health professionals are aware that some elderly patients are stay-ing in hospital too long, which is bad for them and not cost effective. But this is not a largescale problem when compared to the beds crisis the NHS will be facing this winter."

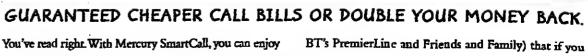
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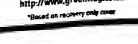
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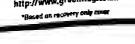
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# Peace-keepers walk the thin blue line dr



Robert Fisk joins a Norwegian UN patrol in Bourhoz. southern Lebanon



"Martini please, Bob - shaken, one of their Katyushas shrieked not stirred." Wicked laughter comes from the Norwegian rifle squad's 1st platoon. Second Lieutenant Vidar "Sims" Simensen, lazing in his deckchair in the morning sunshine on the mortar platform, looks uncannily like the young Sean Connery – and The Indepen-dent's man in southern Lebanon Through the "binos" on top clearly qualifies as a more honorary private. Only cola. lemon juice and milk is stored in the platoon fridge at United Nations Observation Post 4-27; but Elias Khoury, the local Maronite grocer, runs a makeshift restaurant up the road. The platoon has a two-way phone link

these UN guys have. But then there's the little matter of the gun position on the hill above - De Facto Forces ing scenery of parched wadis Position N329 on the UN maps and mountain ridges, of gentle which just happens to be the most attacked Israeli compound in the Norwegian battalion's UN area, overrun last year by 711 Hizbollah fighters who crept up the cliffs of the Litani river valley and stormed into the artillery battery under mortar

to his "Hard Rock Café" so that

pizzas can be delivered door-to-

door, Tough life, I'm thinking,

over Sims and his men and exploded in a nearby field. The Norwegians prefer mortars. "The Israelis and the armed elements [Hizbollah] are very good at firing mortars," Sims says. "We're happy about that - because it means they don't

of 1st Platoon's observation tower, I cao see a T-54 tank standing beneath an earth revetment. And across the valley to the east, four 155mm gun harrels - pale grey in the morning heat - hristle from another fortress of concrete and earth. Israel's fruitless, hopeless war against the Hizbollah - who have been struggling against the 2,000-strong Israeli occupation force and its South Lebanon Army militia allies here for 13 years - is set amid hreath-taking scenery of parched wadis olive graves and wind-thrashed cliffs above the Litani river.

Sims calls a platoon briefing. I will be put on the day march before being allowed on a night patrol above the Hizbollah's infiltration paths. The men sip juice as Sims uses a coloured and rocket fire. Last time the guerrillas took a shot al N329. marker to draw a map on the back of a metal sheet. Roger marker to draw a map on the



On alert: Keeping watch (left) and patrolling the UN zone have limited success in protecting villagers from both Hizbollah and Israel's secret police

Nikolaisen, at 33 the oldest in the platoon, sports a stunning tattoo of a naked hlonde on his right arm, a relic of his days as a merchant seaman which bestowed upon him marriage and divorce and the maintenance of two children, Gunnar Schanke, bespectacled, an ex-security guard from Stavanger, has a crew-cut so short the platoon say his head is their emergency heli-pad. Morton Haagenstad, a 23-year-old car mechanic from Troudheim, is waiting for his 36-year old girlfriend to arrive on holiday to Beirut with her two children.

We'll walk to Fort Noram and across the trail down the Blue Line, then through Bourhoz," the platoon commander says. The old South African police truck - sold to the UN and nicknamed Adolf because of its vicious associations with apartheid - takes us to a

hillside of thorny hushes and grey boulders, a few of which have been splashed with pale hlue paint. "You walk between these stones hecause we've cleared the path of mines," Sims says with Bond-like finality. "Outside the stones, you can go up in smoke." The thorns dig into the fabric of my army boots and tear at my trousers. The sun burns into our flak jackets until dark stains move across our shirts. I watch the hlue line with the dedication of a rat.

"They say when the Hizbollah hodies are found, that they've all heen wired up." Sims is muttering ahead of me. "They want to take their enemies with them after death. So motto number one: Never touch a dead Hizbollah." The powerful, vital folk-lore of guerrilla warfare comes in hits and pieces as we pat the in-

sects off our clothes. "They use fake rocks as

bombs now. We've found half a mohile phone in one of them

### Netanyahu warns over rocket attacks

Jerusalem, (Reuter) - Pro-Irariian Hizbollah fighters in Lebanon rained scores of Katyusha rockets on northern Israel yesterday prompting a threat from Benjamin Netanyahu of a tough Israeli response. "If there is no quiet on the Israeli

side of the border there will not be quiet on the Lebanon side, the Prime Minister said while standing in a rocket-damaged house in Kiryat Shimona. A man was wounded in rocket attacks on the town and other parts of Israel's northern Galilee.

- hoth sides use the same method. You set the thing up. take position and dial the numher - BANG!" Walking slowly past a field of unexploded cluster bombs. I remember the Hamas bomber in Gaza who was assassinated by the Israelis. He picked up his mobile phone when it rang - and it hlew most

of his head off. Far below us, I catch glimpses of pale green pools shaded by fir trees as the Litani froths through the gorge. We pad through the long grass to a palisade of sandbags smothered in cement, perched oo a precipice

All around us on the mountain-tops are more grey forts, all manoed by the Israelis or their militia allies, all waiting for an attack. More than 75 per cent of the Israeli stockades are huilt underground. Their artillery is fired automatically by

their troglodyte defenders. Only we live on the surface of the earth, watching the insect-

Last year, a Norwegian night patrol was fired on by an Israeli tank just round the corner of the gorge. One of the Norwegians was hit hy a fleshette shell - an artillery round containing 8.000 steel-tipped darts - and fell almost 100 feet down the mountain-side where he lay, firing 20 hullets into the air from his rifle to show his comrades he was soll alive. By the time they reached him, he had bled to

swarming trails.

Sims has not forgotten the incident. The heat is suffocating but he practises for an ambush, kneeling to fire across the Litani theo running as Nikolaisen and Haagenstad and Schanke fire their rifles at the same distant rock, the hullets cracking over the gorge and re-

echoing down the valley. For 19 years, I reflect, the Norwegians have been patrolling this terrain and guarding their acres of UN turf, for most of the time deep within Israel's occupation zone. And to what end? They have prevented the Israelis building artillery batteries inside the UN zone - but the Israelis have littered the valleys around it with their gun pits, They have, sometimes, forced the Hizhollah to turn back. They have given some measure of protection to the Christian and Druze villagers who fear both Hizbollah's brutal intrusions and the equally brutal attentions of Israel's Shin Bet

Photographs: Robert Fisk

secret police.
But of course, they have not stopped the war. And as if to prove it. Sims turns to me and says: "You'll come with us on the night patrol - that's when

# l'eamsters win deal over part-time jobs

Mary Dejevsky Washington

A two-week strike at the transport company, United Parcel Service, that was widely seen as a barometer of industrial relarions in the United States, was resolved in the early hours of yesterday morning with "tentative" agreement on a new five-year contract between the company and the Teamsters Union. The agreement followed 80 hours of talks in a Washington hotel, and UPS officials, indicated moderated by the Labour Sec-

still to be voted on by union working. The number of full-memhers, there seemed little time jobs will be increased by doubt that it would be accept-

belonging to the company de-scribed as "corporate America's mail service" were already reappearing on the streets vesterday. News of the deal had been greeted with juhilation on the picket lines overnight, where restlessness was starting to set in over the length of the strike and the meagreness of union strike pay - \$55 (£34) a week. Details of the agreement, as

presented separately by the Teamsters leader. Ron Carey, that the union had achieved retary, Alexis Herman. many of its objectives, notably
Although the agreement has on the subject of part-time 10,000 over the five-year period. ed and the familiar hrown vans pay for part-timers will be pro-

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Strike over: A UPS worker in Oakland cheers at the news

gressively increased to two-thirds that of full-time employees, and the use of subcontractors will be reduced.

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trol of its members' pension joyed widespread sympathy.
The chairman of UPS, James a new fund, jointly administered by itself and the union.

For the public, however, the key issue of the strike was the use and treatment of part-time workers. The union's case rested on complaints that UPS paid part-timers half the full-timers' hourly rate and that the company cut costs by recruiting part-timers in preference to full-timers, not promoting part-timers into full-time positions and increasing its use of sub-contractors. Opinion polls showed a clear majority of Americans siding with the workers - an unusual development

in a country where unions and

Kelly, very much on the defeosive, said yesterday that the settlemeot remained "within the financial parameters set before the negociations". He warned, however, that the strike had "hurt us a great deal" and that some customers would not be back. This would cost jobs how many would he determined in coming weeks. One UPS official forecast that as

many as 15,000 could be laid off. Mr Kelly also stressed that the pay increase and rise in full-UPS increasing turnover. Be-fore the strike, UPS had 80 per record levels - meant that it was seen as a sign of the times rather cent of the US market for than just another labour dispute.

The union also retains con- strikes have generally not en- transporting packages, but its two-week absence encouraged many newer, smaller companies to expand their services. The US Mail service also moved to pick up UPS business.

The strike was the biggest and longest in the United States in two decades and was carefully monitored for signs that the labour movement, which has been in decline since the Sixties, could be on the verge of a revival. The solidity of the strike and the nature of the dispute resentment on the part of workers that their pay and security seemed to be decreasing, while time jobs were conditional on employers' profits had risen to

# Capitalists fund N Korea's

### nuclear reactors A consortium of capitalist nations broke ground yesterday for a landmark nuclear project in Communist North Korea that Washington and Seoul have said is key to preserving peace on

the peninsula. Puffs of pink, green, orange and yellow smoke belched from a hillside in the north-eastern town of Kumho as officials of the Korean Peninsula Energy Development Organisation (Kedo) triggered a "symbolic hlast". Kedo, led by the US, South Korca and Japan, is

responsible for financing two 1,000MW light-water reactors at an estimated cost of \$4.5-\$5hn (£2.8-3hn). The reactors are to be delivered in return for Pyongyang's 1994 promise to freeze and eventually dismantle its suspected atomic weapons programme.

### Banja Luka police chief arrested

Milan Sutilovic, the newly appointed police chief of Banja Luka, a man loyal to Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic, was arrested by state security controlled by indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic. Ms Plavsic has been locked in a power struggle with Karadzic loyalists. Reuters - Sarajevo

### Peking jails son of party boss

China has sentenced the high-flying son of the disgraced former Peking Communist Party chief to 12 years in prison for corruption. Chen Xiaotong, son of former Peking party boss and Polithuro member Chen Xitong, was convicted of taking bribes and misusing public funds. Reuters – Peking

### Mandela to host Sudan talks

President Nelson Mandela said he hoped to host direct talks between Sudan President Omar el-Bashir and rebel talks between Sudan President Omar el-Bashir and rebei leader John Garang. Ugandan president Yoweri Museveni, who along with other east African leaders is involved in a regional initiative to end the 14-year civil war in Sudan, would also be present. Mr Mandela said. AP - Cape Town

### African oil field discovery

The French company Elf Aquitaine announced the discovery of one of the higgest oil fields ever in Africa, the Dalia well off the coast of Angola, 150 miles north-west of the capital Luanda. It is believed to contain up to 3.5

### Kenya killings reach tourist site

Two people were killed on Kenya's coast yesterday and fire destroyed 300 curio stalls in a resort as a week of violence hit a tourist site for the first time. It was also the first time unrest reached as far as Malindi, 120km (75 miles) north of Mombasa, the centre of violence in which at least 37 people have been killed in a week.

### Dramatic stay of execution

A Saudi man pardoned his son's killer moments before he was to be executed in a public square. Hassan al-Zayab forgave Salem hin Mubarak, a Yemeni convicted of stabling his son Turki, just as an executioner was about to-behead him. The kingdom has executed 80 people this year.

AP - Riyadh

# Valujet crash blamed on oxygen shipment

Washington — The unauthorised transport of oxygen generators in the hold was given yesterday as the primary cause of the crash of Valujet flight 592 in the Florida Everglades last May, writes Mary Dejevsky. The accident, which is re-

membered for the difficulties of the salvage operation in alligator-infested swamps, killed 110 people and prompted quescons about the proliferation of small, cut-price airline companies in the wake of deregulation in the United States.

At a day-long meeting yes-terday, the US transport safe-ty watchdog, the National Transportation Safety Board, heard evidence from the specialists who conducted the official investigation into the crash. This is the last stage of the investigation, before the board presents its final report

in six to eight weeks' time.

Although the inquiry had heen expected to focus on shortcomings in Valujet's op-erating and maintenance standards, the emphasis yesterday rapidly shifted to the regulations set and enforced by the US Federal Aviation Authority. NTSB officials said, in particular, that they had advocated stricter pre-



Rescuers searching the Everglades for survivors of last May's crash in which 110 people died Photograph: Reuters

caudons against fire, including improved insulation of the parucular cargo area of the Valuiet DC-9 where the fire is believed to have originated, ever since a fire was found to have caused the fatal crash of a Saudi airliner in 1980.

They said their call had been renewed in 1988 after a nonfatal American Airlines crash. hut that the FAA had turned down the recommendation "on cost-benefit grounds". Other investigators questioned FAA regulations that allow planes to Operate without the cabin-cock-

pit intercom working (a cahin steward may have allowed smoke into the Valujet cockpit), and stipulate a flight crew of two, rather than three. This, they said, placed a greater hur-den on the chief steward whose only contribution in this

case was to shout "Fire, fire!". Ever since it was suggested that illegally stowed oxygen generators could have caused the Everglades crash, Valujet has insisted that it was unaware of the cargo and hlames the loading company for faulty

# Malaria defies new drugs to make lethal comeback

Jeremy Laurance Health Editor

Malaria, one of the world's higgest killers, is defying new treatments and spreading rapidly, threatening to create a major world-wide public health lisaster, scientists say.

Exactly 100 years since Sir Ronald Ross discovered that mosquitoes were responsible for carrying the deadly parasite. mankind is losing the battle against the disease.

Today, 650 scientists and public health officials from around the world are marking the anniversary in Hyderabad, India, with a meeting to consider a global strategy to curb the rise in cases, numbers of which are estimated to have quadrupled in the past five

Experts fear that unless action is taken to control the disease, the growth of drug resistance, global migration of the disease and climatic changes will threaten new areas with malarial infection and further increase the toll of death and

Malaria strikes 500 million people a year, causing almost 3 million deaths, most among children. Despite the scientific and medical advances of recent decades, it kills more people today than in the Sixties.

Brian Greenwood, profes-sor of communicable diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, said: and neglected parasitic infec- to combat the disease.



tion. An estimated 40 per cent of the world's population is at

The World Health Organisation (WHO) predicts that an extra 80 million people a year will be infected by the end of the century, a 16 per cent rise in

In India, the malaria eradication programme of the Fifties and Sixties reduced infections from 75 million to 100,000 a year, and deaths from 800,000 to almost none. That trend has reversed over the past two decades and there have been four major epidemics since 1994. Last year there were almost 3 million cases and at least

3.000 deaths. The Malaria Foundation, an international group of scientists set up in 1992, yesterday called for a new political commit-"Malaria is the most prevalent ment and for increased funding

Dr Dan Colley, director of the division of parasitic diseases at the Centre for Disease Con-

trol in Atlanta, Georgia, said: There is an urgent need for concerted action to control malaria now, before drug and insecticide resistance, popula-tion shifts and potential climatic changes combine to further expand this major world-wide public health disaster."

Thirty years ago malaria had been eradicated, or dramatically reduced, in 37 countries as a result of the WHO insecticide spraying programme, but many of the programmes have since been abandoned, partly because of cost and partly because of declining motivation in the face of an apparently declining threat.

Drug resistance has increased rapidly as a result of widespread use of malaria treatments in an unregulated and uncontrolled way. Most tropical

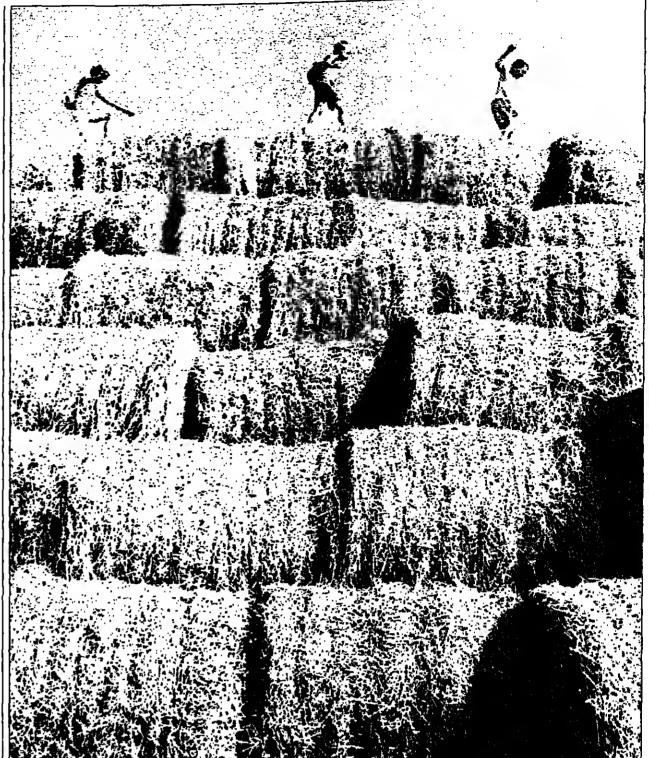
because it is cheap but the drug is increasingly ineffective In some areas resistance has also developed to the newer drug melfoquine (Lariam) which many people are reluc-tant to take because of side cffects such as dizziness.

Metloquine is none the less recommended for Western tourists visiting areas where the plasmodium falciparum species of parasite, the major cause of malaria deaths, is en-

The foundation claims that too little is spent on malaria research compared with other diseases such as Aids and asthma that cause fewer deaths. It says global research spending on Aids is \$3.274 (£2,040) per death compared with \$789 per asthma death and \$65 per malaria death.

The Wellcome Trust has announced a three-year project to work out the full genetic sequ-ence of the malaria parasite, to identify features that may be susceptible to attack by drugs.

Malaria was common in England until the last century be had disappeared by 1930. Medical historians claim that in addition to better housing and wider availability of drugs, the introduction of the turnip as a winter feed for cattle may have had an unexpected benefit. The turnip meant that more animals could be kept alive through the winter instead of being slaughtered, and mosquitoes preferred to hite cows rather than



# When there aren't enough hours in the day: Thailand's speedy epidemic

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Peering down from the cahin of his eight-ton lorry, red-eyed and lean, Khun Cham Be steadies his hands enough to light another menthol cigarette. Ahead is another long night on the road carrying timber across Thailand. an unbearable ordeal of endurance, he says, were it not for his tablets of yaa baa, amphet-

"The longer I can stay awake, the longer I can drive, and the more I can earn," he says. "I don't think I could do this job without my tablets."For hundreds of thousands of other lowpaid, overworked Thais, amphetamines are seen as an easy way to boost personal earning power in a nation obsessed with materialism.

Known as yaa baa (mad medicine), amphetamine tablets are bought by the Thai poor as a means, not of recreation as in Europe and America, but of boosting energy to work harder and longer. Typically, it is taxi drivers, long-distance truckers, and factory workers, all paid by the hour, who are dependent on vaa baa. The more they swallow,

the more they earn.
"There is a definite link in this part of Asia between amphetamine use and economic de-velopment," says Richard Dickens of the United Nations' International Drug Control

Programme in Bangkok.
We have watched amphetamines and other stimulants surge in popularity in virtually all of the dynamic 'tiger' economies of east Asia, starting with Japan after the Second World War, through South Ko-rea a decade ago," he added. Thailand's problem with stimulant abuse, now reaching epidemic proportions, according to the UN, first came to the notice



of the authorities in the early 1990s: at the height, in other words, of the country's boom

This is a regional problem. We are increasingly concerned about the spread of amphetamines into China as well. With the Chinese conomy now expanding so rapidly, and the pressure that is putting on working Chinese, there is po-tendal for explosive growth," warns Mr Dickens. That possi-bility has not escaped the region's drug producers, aware that in the long term, amphet-

amine production offers more secure, and even higger profits that the area's traditional drug

product - opium.

Deep in the jungles of the notorious Golden Triangle region of Thailand, Burma and Laos. new factory-laboratories are springing up, mass-producing amphetamines to meet a seemingly inexorable rise in demand. Anti-narcotics police say the producers are headed by the same secretive and beavily-

Their intelligence reports even suggest a complete change of production in some areas from opium to amphetamines.

In many ways, manufacturing amphetamine tablets is much easier than beroin production, which requires large quantities

of raw opium.

Amphetamine tablets can be produced in their millions, with relatively small amounts of either synthetic or naturally occurring ingredients mixed in small, highly-mobile laboratoarmed drug barons who monopolise opium growing and than the vast poppy fields that heroin production in the area.

encumber the opium producer.

The other crucial factor is that, whereas heroin's overseas market requires complex international trafficking networks, stimulants like vaa baa are sold and consumed by locals, or, at least, by people a short truck or boat ride away. That, say police, means producers get an almost instant profit on their drugs.

to manufacture can fetch up to £3 on the streets of Bangkok. At night, "long-tailed" speedboats thunder along the city's klongs, a complex network of

Tablets which cost as little as 6p

Rapid appeal: Amphetamines have long been used by travellers in Thailand but now their use has spread throughout Thai society

Photograph: Reuters

dark, narrow and polluted canals which connect disparate city districts, delivering literally boat-loads of tablets to freelance dealers who each huy small amounts to sell at taxi ranks, petrol stations, even Buddhist temples.

But there is also a new and growing market for yaa baa: schoolchildren. Under increasing pressure to perform at schools from parents and teachers, children as young as 10 are becoming dependent on the drug as a means of staying awake to study barder and longer. "It started as an experiment, 10 do what my friends were doing says Chiraporn, a 15-year-old schoolgirl. Her three-year amphetamine babit was discovered by her father after she complained of anxiety attacks, nightmares and sickness. An investigation revealed that 40 per cent of her classmates

were regular yaa baa users. This rapid penetration of amphetamines into the respectable world of the Thai middle classes has jolted the authorities into tackling a drug tra-ditionally confined to the

country's impoverished. Posters warning of the dangers of dependency have been stuck on walls and lamp posts, and police have been targeting peddlers. But despite more than 50,000 arrests last year, demand for yua baa is growing. And the country once notorious for its number of beroin and opium addicts now has more than 300,000 amphetamine users, according to official figures more than any other nation.

# Navy helps **Montserrat** evacuation

Phil Davison St Johns, Antigua

The Royal Navy will today help evacuate residents of the British colony of Montserrat after warnings that the next eruption of the Soufriere volcano could engulf the entire Caribbean is-

The frigate HMS Liverpool has anchored off Little Bay, in the safest zone on the northeastern coast, to supervise the evacuation. But refugees will initially be taken by ferry to the nearby island of Antigua and the Liverpool is likely to ship people out only in the event of a major eruption. US, French and Dutch naval vessels are also on standby.

A series of earth tremors on Monday added to the fears of a major eruption. Similar tremors preceded several volcanic explosions last week which showered ash clouds and bot pumice stones.

Navy personnel on shore will help register evacuees and organise the ferry boardings. Britain continued to insist

yesterday that the evacuation was so far only a "voluntary repatriation package" for those of the remaining 4,000 islanders who wish to leave and no one would be forced to go. The British government supported the construction of a new cap-ital in the north, probably close to Little Bay or nearby Carr's

Bay, sources said. But with the remaining residents crammed into private bomes, churches, tents or shelters in the rocky north, with few facilities, it appeared increasingly unfeasible they could re-

many were refusing to leave the central zone, notably the township of Salem, where officials ordered evacuation last Saturday because of the danger of a pyroclastic flow of superheated ash, gas and rock that would burn everything in its path to cinders within seconds.

Despite the dangers, a few people yesterday opened their

shacks thrown up after the evacuation last year of the nowdestroyed capital, Plymouth. Islanders expressed increasing frustration over mixed signals from British officials as to whether London favoured a total evacuation, at least until the volcano settles down, or

shops or bars - simple wooden

keeping people on the island to press ahead with development in the north. Many were awaiting details of the voluntary repatriation package before deciding whether to

stay or go. George Foulkes, British Min-ister for International Development, warned at the weekend of the possibility of a cataclysmic eruption and for the first time said even the north was not

Clive Mansfield, a spokesman for the British governor Frank Savage, then put out a statement saying: "The north is safe. There's no question of any-one being forced off the island."

Among those refusing to leave the danger zone yesterday were bar owners Raymond and Hilda Blake, still in their home in the village of Flemmings, in direct line of sight of the volcano only two miles away. "We lost our bar in Plymouth. If we lose this, we have nothing," said

# French opposition searches right and left for partners

Shaken and demoralised by the electoral defeat of 1 June, the French Right are struggling to come up with a new strategy that will put them back in the

running for government.

The debate over the merging of the two main right-wing parnes has been reopened, as is often the case in moments of crisis. The Gaullist mayor and MP for Vallence, Patrick Labaune, has suggested that his town should he used for a pilot project for the amalgamation of the neo-Gaullist Rassemhiement pour La Republique (RPR) and the centre-right Union pour la

Democratie Française (UDF). His proposal has caused a flur-ry of debate within both parties. which has served to demonstrate more than ever the divisions within the ranks of the opposition. Five MPs, including the former Defence Minister, Charles Millon (UDF) have come out in support of the project. In an interview with Le

Figuro last Saturday Mr Millon stated: "The opponents of this fusion can only find tactical or personal arguments to oppose it ... if they don't like it, well, they should change parties, go and join the Socialists."

that the possibility of closer union "merits an organised debate, open to all concerned". but that this does not necessarily mean a merger. Nicolas Sarkozy, the RPR spokesman, believes that priorities lie elsewhere: "It is not by joining two weak organisations that you create a strong one ... first we must rejuvenate the RPR and reform

its political plans." In an interview in yesternd join the Socialists." day's Le Figuro, the general sec-The spokesman for the UDF, claude tention between the two parties,

Pierre-André Wiltzer, believes Goasguen, explained: "Fusion that the possibility of closer would not solve internal problems and there are still essenrial differences between the parties on areas such as decentralisation and Europe."

The UDF favours decentralisation and is very pro-European, whereas the RPR is less enthusiastic about decentralisation, and although officially pro-European, does have reservations in this direction, particularly towards federalism. These

which are otherwise essentially fairly close. There is however a difference in the nature of the two parties which is likely to render amalgamation difficult. The RPR was founded by General De Gaulle in 1958 as the main right-wing party, and modernised and renamed by

Jacques Chirac in 1976. The UDF is a union rather than a party, of all non-Gaullist rightwing parties, created to support the former French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing in

A darker, more desperate proposal is also floating around the offices of the opposition at the moment: that there should be co-operation with Jean Marie Le Pen's National Front. His party won 15 per cent of the votes in the first round of the recent general election, which had a catastrophic effect for the RPR and

A former RPR minister. Alain Peyrefritte, and former UDF MP Rohert Pandraud have both asked for an "understanding" with the Nation-

al Front. Mr Goasguen has re-quested that his party stop "de-monising the National Front" and indulge in "serene and Former RPR minister wants 'understanding' with Le Pen. Joanna Lee reports constructive thought" with

> This possibility has been rejected by the president of the RPR, Philippe Séguin, and a spokesman for the RPR said yesterday that any alliance with the National Front was "out of the question".

A spokesman for the National Front said that it seemed "unlikely for the moment because the Right prefer stupidly to lose elections rather than ally with the National Front?.



Le Pen: Gaullists may seek ties with his National Front

# BP. WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU AFRAID OF?

An open letter from Greenpeace following the freezing of our assets by the oil giant.

Greenpeace is an international campaigning organisation committed to defence of the environment and the acceleration of human progress. We campaign to persuade governments and industries to adopt cleaner, more efficient solutions that the world and the public urgently wants, focusing on the resolution of global environmental problems.

We believe that our campaign to prevent further development of the Atlantic Frontier oilfields in general, and the Foinaven field in particular, is justified.

None of these oil fields has been subject to proper environmental impact assessment. The potential impact on climate, on birds and on marine life, has not been properly assessed and the UK has only now, nine years late, introduced Draft Regulations to implement the EC Environmental Impact Assessment Directive to the UK Continental Shelf.

Foinaven is a field which has been developed on a "fast track" basis authorised by the Department of Trade and Industry without proper control or assessment.

The state of the North Sea illustrates the fate that awaits the Atlantic Frontier, stretching from west of Shetland to hundreds of miles west of Rockall, if the region is industrialised.

Since August 1996, Greenpeace has urged the UK Government and BP, the main operator of the Foinaven oil field, to desist from further development. This is not only on grounds of potential direct impacts for example from drilling muds and discharges, but because it is an expansion of fossil fuel reserves at a time when ecience shows that the climate cannot sustain the use of reserves that already exist, if the world is to stay within "ecological limits" of tolerable climate change.

On Monday, Greenpeace wrote to Mr John Browne, Chief Executive Officer of BP, pointing out that according to one of its own studies, if BP were to invest half its 1997 second-quarter profits, or half the monies it says have been invested in Foinaven to date, in a solar factory, then it would produce solar power panels at a cost which would make solar electricity cost-competitive against fossil fuel electricity, overnight.

Greenpeace believes it is wrong and entirely irresponsible for BP to invest in expanding oil reserves when it could be investing in the solution to climate change instead.

Greenpeace notes that John Browne, said in a speech on 19 May 1997 that the subject of the "global environment" was of the "utmost importance" and that "there is now an effective consensus among the world'e leading scientists and serious and well informed people outside the scientific community that there is a discernible human influence on climate, and a link between the concentration of carbon dioxide and temperature".

Mr Browne added that: "The time to consider the policy dimensions of climate change is not when the link between greenhouse gases and climate change is conclusively proven... but when the possibility cannot be discounted and is taken seriously by the society of which we are part".

Greenpeace also believes it is wrong and entirely irresponsible for the UK Government to call for tougher controls on fossil fuel emissions at international conventions, while fuelling climate change by a policy of opening up more fossil fuel resources as reserves.

Greenpeace notes that fossil fuel reserves are expanding – for every one barrel of oil used since the "oil crisis", two have been "discovered" and added to reserves. Oil use is increasing. Carbon dioxide levels are increasing. Climate is warming globally at around 0.1-0.2.C per decade. Arctic and Antarctic ice, and mountain glaciers are melting. Diseases are spreading and ars forecast to continue to spread, and forests are dying back as a result of the effects of warming. Severe storms and other extreme and life threatening weather events are increasing and forecast to do so by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. Greenpeace has sent ships to the Antarctic and Arctic to document these events.

At the forthcoming "Climate Summit" in Japan, Greenpeace will again draw Government's attention to Objective Two of the Convention which calls on Governments to restrict climate change to levels which are not dangerous to natural or human systems and which allow them to "adapt naturally".

To meet such limits, it has been calculated that only one quarter of existing fossil fuel reserves may be utilised. To open up new reserves is, in these circumstances, wrong and foolish. The Foinaven field and the other parts of the so-called Atlantic Frontier were conceived prior to the realisation of climate change.

For these reasons, Greenpeace opposes the expansion of fossil fuel reserves by industrialised nations, and seeks instead to persuade governments and oil companies to immediately switch investment to solar power and other renewable energies.

BP is leading the world in the wrong direction by opening up fossil fuels that the climate cannot sustain. Indeed they would rather close down Greenpeace than change direction and invest in solar power.

Greenpeace appeals to the public for its support.

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Deputy Executive Director

Greenpeace UK

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### **Conlon Nancarrow**

Conlon Nancarrow belonged to the pioneer tradition of American composers succeeding Charles Ives and Henry Cow-ell, but most of his music was for the mechanical player-piano and it was composed in Mexico City. Nancarrow's isolation was such that he was not recognised widely until the 1980s, when György Ligeti described him as "the best of any composer living today" and the MacArtbur Foundation of Chicago gave him a "genius" award of \$300,000.

Nancarrow was born io Texarkana, Arkansas in 1912. He studied at the Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and a performance of Stravin-sky's The Rite of Spring, at a time when he had heard very little contemporary music, made an enormous impact. Because of this be cited Stravinsky and Bach as bis favourite composers in an interview in 1980.

A further ingredient in Nancarrow's exploratory rhythmic language was jazz improvisa-tion: he worked as a trumpeter, where he experienced rhythms too complicated for conventional notations. At Boston he studied privately under Nicolas Slonimsky, Walter Piston and, more influentially, Roger Sessions, whose rigid strict counterpoint studies made a lasting impression,

At this point in his career Nancarrow's political commitmeot intervened. In 1937 he went to Spain to fight with the Abraham Lincoln Brigade against Franco's Fascist regime. On his return in 1939 be found that his socialist views brought him into difficulties with the American government and he was refused a passport. His resentment was so great that, after only a short presence with the New York avant-garde, be went to live in Mexico City in 1940, became a Mexican citizen in 1956 and was based there for the rest of his life.

Nancarrow's move to Mexico City began a remarkable period of obscurity. Circumstances virtually dictated that his creative work should he self-contained. So, from the late 1940s, every-thing he composed was for his two Ampico upright player-pianos, modified in various ways. Before that be had attracted some attention with a few instrumental works. A prelude and a blues (both in 1935) - both recorded by the pianist Joanoa MacGregor in 1989 - were published in the periodical New Music Quarterly in 1938. This was where the first of his 50 Studies for Player Piano appeared in 1952,

but the composer was not aware of its publication until some years later. On a rare visit to New York in the late 1940s Nancarrow had heard an early performance of John Cage's Sonatas and Interludes for prepared piano - another modified piaco - which impressed him. Otherwise he remained in his Mexico City studio where he would plot his music on paper and theo punch

each note into exactly the right position on the piano roll. This process could take a month for a minute's worth of Nancarrow's rhythmically complex music. But after such effort he would at least know that the realisation in sound was what be intended.

When the League of Com-posers put on Nancarrow's Septet in New York in 1940 the performance was inadequate. In 1977, in an interview with Charles Amirkhanian, Nancarrow said: "Ever since I'd been writing music I was dreaming of getting rid of the performers." The player-piano was an ideal solution, although, like Harry Partch, Nancarrow had also tried to invent his own instruments. He found they simply did not work.

success in the 1980s goes back to 1960, wheo tapes of his studics brought back to New York resulted in their being used by Merce Cunningham for his ballet Crises. Regular presentations had little immediate effect. But in 1977 Soundings magazine, edited by Peter Garland from Berkelcy, California, produced a Nancarrow oumber, with interviews, tributes and the musical scores of eight studies. Then a series of records began to appear and Nancarrow began to come oot of hibernation, somewhat like an owl blinking in the unaccustomed daylight

of publicity His first American concert appearance for over 40 years

took place at San Prancisco in 1981 - resulting in an ovation from over 1,000 people. In the following year Nancarrow toured Europe for his 70th birthday. In 1987 he came to the Almeida Festival in London, where we found that be himself was as positive and affable as his music. The American pianist Yvar Mikhashoff played his Tango? (1984) for a conven-tional, not mechanical, psano, as well as some realisations of the Studies for live performance. It is an indication of how times have changed that there are four different recordings of this fun piece currently available.

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Nancarrow had turned to the player-plane in desperation to get accurate performances of his music. He took a predominantly entertainment medium the Germans call it the waltzen-The story of Nancarrow's klovier - as the vehicle for the most far-reaching rhythmic explorations in the entire history of music. A neglected element in musical discourse came so much into the foreground that a contrapuntal technique based on superimposing independent musical strands in different and even varying tempos could be

In 1991 the record company Wergo brought out sparkling new digital recordings of the Studies but, ironically, it has beeo performers themselves who have made amends by playing arrangements of Nancarrow's Studies for live instrumeotal groups. Mikhashoff worked on some of these with the composer himself and the virtuoso German Ensemble Modern, directed by Ingo Metzmacher, recorded some in 1992. Two parallel develop-meots have been the revival of Nancarrow's early instrumental music and the encouragementof new works, such as Piece No

2 for Small Orchestra (1986),

commissioned by the American

patron Betty Freeman, for the

ensemble Continuum, wbo

have recorded it along with eight early works. he admitted: Another late commission, Up until the time I got married and

published in 1992, was Two Canons for the pianist Ursula Opens, vividly played by Thomas Ades last autumn dur-ing the South Banks's American Independents Pestival,

Nancarrow's eventual emergence was unusual, even in a century which failed to honour Anton Webern and Béla Bartók in their lifetimes. Unlike them, Nancarrow had no access to the musical profession and little de-sire to make his work known, as

had a family, I wasn't really interested in whether it was disseminated or not: I was just working and happy. When I finally got a family, I decided, well, I'm going to have to leave them some-thing. So I began getting interested in maybe promoting it a little." Against all the odds of the ap-

parent limitations of the player-piano timbre, Nancarrow found the ideal medium in which be could work independently of any establishments in Mexico or elsewhere. His unique sound is instantly identifiable. The vivid jazzy qualities of some of his Studies belie their

ow at Otis Parsons School, Los Angeles, 1985 Photograph: Betty Freeman / Lebrecht Collection intellectual rigour and his œuvre as a wbole is a refreshing and unexpected harvest from the still vigorous American ex-perimental tradition of the 20th

Peter Dickinson

Conlon Nancarrow, composer: born Texarkana, Arkansas 27 October 1912; married 1932 Helen Rigby (marriage dissolved), 1947 Annette Margolis (one son; marriage dissolved 1951), 1970 Yoko Seguira; died Mexico City 10 Au-

century.

### **Burnum Burnum**



1988, planting an Aboriginal flag on the white cliffs of Dover and claiming England for the Aboriginal people, with the de-claration: "We wish no barm to England's native people. We are bere to bring you good manners, refinement and an opportunity to make a Koomparioo, a fresh start." It was Burnum's personal

Burnum Burnum will be par-

ticularly remembered for his sin-

gular gesture in travelling across

the world from Australia in

statement in Australia's bicentenary year, when modern, white, Australia was busy marking the anniversary of the raising of the British flag on 1788. To non-Aboriginal people, this was the start of settlement". But to Burnum's people, it was the invasion that sent a civilisation that had prospered for 40,000 years into rapid and devastating decline.

Those who cannot remember Burnum's words to the English on that occasion will certainly remember the proud black face, a baby. The authorities took him the loving care of a family and

the long white beard and the piercing eyes that gave him the look of an Old Testament prophet, in pictures that were flashed around the world. In an age when Aboriginal Australia has finally taken centre stage in the country's politics, Burnum understood more than many of his colleagues the power to be derived from playing the white media at their own game. It sometimes brought him into conflict with other Aboriginal activists, who accused him of grandstanding, but his passion and commitment carned him the respect of Australians as a

whole. Burnum was born Henry serve near Wallaga in southern New South Wales. The reserves were settlements where white authorities dumped various Aboriginal communities after rounding them up from outlying areas, under a paternalistic policy that in fact was little different from apartheid. Burnum's mother died when he was

from his father and sent him first to a church mission beine and later to Kinchela Boys Home at Kempsey, a town on the north coast of New South

This made Burnum one of the so-called "stolen generation", an estimated 100,000 Aboriginal children who were removed from their families and put in white foster homes between 1910 and the 1960s. This now discredited policy of separating mixed-race childreo from the "bad influences" of native culture was the subject of a recent inquiry by Sir Ronald Wilson, a former judge. In his damning report of this grim the foreshores of what is now James Pentith in 1936, under a chapter in Australian history Sydney Harbour in January gum tree, oo an Aboriginal recartier this year, be called on the Australian government to apologise officially to the victims, most of whom oever saw their families again. John Howard, the Australian prime minister,

has still refused to do so. Burnum once recounted the memories of his childhood in the Kempsey home: "I was all alone. We knew nothing of

surely knew how to get the best

from the assortment of stars

whom Beaumont provided. Whether be "directed" them

or just allowed the to have their way is of course a moot

point. But in 1947 alone there

was Frederick Valk nearly blow-

ing the roof off the Arts Theatre

as Solness in The Master Builder.

an interpretation yet to be ex-celled for emotional power; and Edward, My Son (which transferred to Broadway) had

Robert Morley (part-author)

and Peggy Ashcroft powerful-ly demonstrating the differ-ence between effective and

affecting acting. At the Lyric, Hammersuch, Brenda Bruce's Eliza in Promotion set the ball rolling for a restroal of Shaw which Harcourt Williams at

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certainly oot the love of nurturing. We were bereft of all manners and social mores. We were like convicts and prisoners. It had nothing to do with whether we hat committed a crime. Our crime, was to be

Aboriginal." He and the other children lived, as be put it, "on white sugar, white bread, brains, tripe and white sauce". Yet be rose above these unlikely beginnings by making un-his, school education and his, school education skills to equipping himself with skills to devote to a lifetime of belping his people. When Aboriginal activism took root in Australia. in the 1970s, be changed his name to that of his great grandfather, Burnum Burnum, of the an, friend and adviser to Bur-Wurundjeri tribe:

Burnum took part in some of the most pivotal Aboriginal political campaigns over the past 30 years, including the 1967. constitutional referendum that recognised Aborigines' voting rights for the first time and the erection of the Aboriginal "tent embassy" outside Parliament House in Canberra in 1972. He ney 17 August 1997.

was also a successful rugby player, cricketer and actor. One of the best things about Ground Zero (1987), an Australian film about British ouclear tests in the outback in the 1950s that slightly missed its mark, was Burnum's almost hammed-up portrayal of a desert tribal elder.

Although he was both a conservative and a libertarian, few people could really classify Burnum. His great achievement was to shake off the humiliations of his early years and imbue later generations with the importance of achievmg their self-respect and selfdetermination

Gordon Briscoe, an historinum Burnum, said: "Australia bas lost a bero, and a persoo who has given many Australians a great pride and satisfaction."

Robert Milliken

Henry James Penrith (Burnum Burnum), political activist: born Wallaga Lake, New South Wales January 1936; married: died Syd-

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### Samuel Nolutshungu

Samuel Nohrtshungu was one of the foremost scholars to bave enriched African studies in the field of both political science and international relations. His knowledge of the continent, and understanding of the prob-lems which trouble African states, were expressed in a vigorous and eloquent style to the benefit of scholars and students across the western world m Britain, France, Canada and the United States - as well as

Burnum: 'our crime was to be Aboriginal'

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Africa itself. Only last December Nohutshungu was offered the most prestigious position in the South African university system, the vice-chancellorship of the University of the Witwatersrand, in Johannesburg, a tribute to his international reputation as a scholar and teacher. He was, however, unable to accept the post because of failing bealth.

Sam Nolutshungu produced a number of significant articles and books which will stand for a long time to his memory. His most recent major work, The Limits of Anarchy (1996), con-cerned not his native South Africa but the Republic of Chad. Although Chad is not a particularly important country in itself, Nolutshungu's account of its domestic politics and the tangled web of external forces which enmesbed them is a deeply thought-out interpretation of the dilemmas of what he termed "fictive states", countries

which have to endure a fitful existence between too much and too little government - between despotism and anarchy. Noluisbungu traces the mis-fortunes of the Sahel republic in masterly detail, using French, English and Chadian sources to illustrate the tragedy of peoples "suspeoded between emer-

gence and disintegratioo".

Earlier, two major books on his native country bad already established Nolutshungu as the foremost black South African analyst of that country's trouanalyst of that country's trou-bled politics - South Africa in Africa: a study of ideology and foreign policy (1975) and Chang-ing South Africa: political-con-siderations (1982). This latter, a sobering analysis of the prospects for non-violent transitioo to a non-racial society at a time when both domestic and external pressures for fundamental reform of South Africa's apartheid system were beginning to acquire an irresistible dynamic, was joint winner (in a field of thirty) of the Johannes-burg Sunday Times' Book of the

Year Award Nolutshungu ranged widely over the difficult terrain of African politics. His concern was for states struggling to manage ethnically and racially divided societies which are also beset by international rivatries. Besides his continuing work on constitutionalism, democratic change, and economic

Science Research Council proiect oo the international secunty of marginal populations. His Margins of Insecurity - minorities and international security ap-

peared last years, Problems of this order re-quire not only a passion for jus-tice but a mature judgement about what can and cannot be done. Nolutshungu met those requirements in full. He was a man of high intellectual calibre, of wide learning and reading and with much sympathy but no nonsense in his teaching and

He was born in King William's Town, Cape Province, in 1945, and was educated at Lovedale High School and Fort Hare College. A scholarship



Photograph: The State

equality in South Africa, he had brought him in the Sixties to also been coordinating a Social. Keele University where he was awarded a first class degree with joint bonours in economics, history and politics. He remained in exile from his native country until after the beginning of the close of the apartheid era in 1990. He taught in the Government Department of Man-chester University between 1978 and 1990, and also held teaching positions at Lancaster and Ibadan (Nigeria), as well as visiting posts in the United States. Canada, Zimbabwe and, ultimately, South Africa.

From 1991 he held a joint professorial appointment at the University of Rochester, New York State, in the Department of Political Science and in the Frederick Douglass Institute for African and African-American Studies.

Sam Nolutshungu was an excellent, warm-bearted, generous companion, full of humour and intelligence. Everyone who knew him -students: colleagues and friends alike held him in the highest esteem and will mourn his early death.

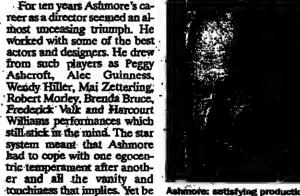
Dennis Austin Samuel Clement Nobutshangu, political scientist: born King William Storm, Cape Province, South Africa 15 April 1945; mar-ried 1977 Velisiwe Sivela (two daughters): died Rochester, New York 12 August 1997.

### Peter Ashmore staged some of the West End's most satisfying

productions in the post-war heyday of commercial theatre. From 1946 metil 1956 he worked for the most powerful management company in London theatre history, a bosevolent dictatorship run by Hugh "Binkie" Beammant, known as H.M. Tennent Limited. Young playgoers then would never miss an HLM. Tennent production. Not only because it seemed to offer the best, but also because it shamelessly practised what came to be regarded in some quarters as the permicious "star" system". Beammont had a chutch of trusted leading players on his books, waiting for him to provide

them with vehicles. Peter Ashmore was an undertaker's son, who had first acted at the Embassy, Swiss Cottage, in R.C. Sheriff's Wind-fall (1924) and at Stratford-on-Avon, the London tringe, and Aberdeen rep. He was a con-scientious objector during the Second World War, and worked as a director for the duration with the Oxford Repertory Company. A small-built, bearded, gentle and courteous figure, he returned to London in 1946, at the instigation of one of Binkie Beaumout sadvisers, to stage we plays at the Lyric Theatre, Hammersmith. One was a new hospital drama; the other T.W. Robertson's charm-

ing Victorian rarity, Caste.



**Peter Ashmore** 

ore: satisfying productions transfer to Broadway) brilliantly

continued. Among other strikingly well acted Ashmore productions in the next few years were The Human Touch with Alec Guinness; Ann Veronica, with Wendy Hiller as H.G. Wells's "oew woman"; and Jean Anouilh's Point of Departure, with Dirk Bogarde and Mai Zetterling. Ashmore also directed Mai Zetterling as an impassioned Nora in A Doll's House (Lyric, Hammersmith) - the adaptation also toured to Denmark and Finland in 1953. But the Ibsen by which he is probably is best remembered - amiess you saw Valk's soaring Solness - will be Ashcroft's harsh Hedda Gabler (1954) with George Devine as Tesman and Micheal Macliammoir as the sly friend, Judge Brack

to weld a lot of one-man shows into a coherent whole. Given the casts Beaumont found for him, what else was there to do? He seems at any rate to have known how to keep the peace; when be could not, we are told be just went off to bed. Robert Morley summed up working with him as "enjoy-able". Wilfrid Hyde White as "invaluable" - adding: "Such a civil little chap. Always ready to fetch the script when I'd left it in the Rolls." Then, in 1961, Ashmore

withdrew completely from the theatre and retired to Ireland. Was it due to a family inheritance? Was lt - as he once said - boredom? No one seems to know. At the dawn of a new era which yielded the new social realism, the artistic director, state and civic subsidies and many puzzling theatrical imports from France. Ashmore went to live abroad for a while, returned to Oversee the family firm, and finally settled at Fermoy, near Cork, with chess and painting as his diversions.

Adam Benedick Eric Peter Ashmore, theatre director: born London 29 January 1916; married 1946 Rosalie Crutchley (one son, one daugh-ter; marriage dissolved 1959; died 1997), 1963 Petra Gull-

BIRTHS

McMORROW: Mike and Helen are de-lighted to announce the safe arrival of Mary Kate on 8 August 1997, a consin for Jason and Ruby.

Melarnon: Gerard, playwright, died 16 August, Funeral service at Russian Orthodox Church, All Saints, Ennismore Gardens, 5W7, on Friday 29 August at 11sm. All friends welcome. Family flowers only. Donations it desired to St Christopher's Flospice, 51-59 Lowrie Park Road, Sydenham, SE26 6DZ, or to the PDSA. THOMAS: Walter Phillip Thomay, of Fleel, Hampshire, died 12 August, 1997, aged 86, after a very short illness. Cremation, 21 August, 230pm. Aldershot, Hampshire, Family flowers only, donations preferred to Cyste Fibrosis Trust, c/o Cooperative

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1860; Shaul Thernichowski, He-1860; Shaul Thermichowski, Hebrew poet, 1875; Howard Phillips Lowerall, novelist, 1890. Jim Reeves, country singer, 1924. Deaths: Lord Herbert of Cherbury, pillosopher and poet, 1648; Johan de Witt, Statesman, 1948; Johan statesman, with his brother Cor nelis, murdered by the mob, 1672; Sir Charles Sedley, playwright, 1701; Pope Pins VII, 1823; Friedrich Wilhelm Joseph von Scheiling, philoso-pher, 1854; Joseph Kenny Meadows, artist, 1874; Mrs Charles Kean (Ellen Tree), actress, 1880; Jules Laforgue, poet, 1887; William Adolphe Bonguereau, painter, 1905; William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, 1912; Paul Ehrlich, bioconductor, 1824; Benjamin Harrison, 23rd US President, 1833; Raymond-Nicolas Landry Poincaré, statesman, mardered, 1940; Jessie Matthews,

singer, dancer and acress, 1981; George Adamson, conservationist in Africa, killed 1989. On this day: the Anstrians defeated the French at the Battle of Saragossa, 1710; the ex-ploration party under Burke and Wills statted from Melbourne, Australia, 1860; the railway strike in Britain ended, 1911; the German army occupied Brussels, 1914; in this US, the Detroit News began operation gradio station WWJ, 1920; Calley Hall nuclear-power station began op-erating, 1956; the French tology of Senegal became independent, 1960; the first London performance of the musical show Gentlemen Prefer Blondes was presented, 1962; Russ ian troops invaded Czechoslovaitia, and fighting broke out in Prague, 1968; following the coup in the So-

viet Union, supporters of Boris Yellsin instilled besticades and thou sands demonstrated castside, the Russian parliament building, 1991. Russian partiament business 1991.
Today is the Peast Day of St Amator or Amadeur, St Bernardof Clair-vasor, St Oswin, St Roparald or Ronald and St Philiberts.

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Appointments Judge Danid Pearl, to be President of the Immigration Appeal Tribunal

Mr Justice Jacob, to be Chancery Sopervising Judge for Bristol, Cardiff and Birming Judge Paul Collins, to be Director of Studies at the Judicial Studies Board. Ms Ann Abraham, to be Legal Services Ombudsman. Ms Valerie Evans, to be Co-Chair.

Mr. Martin Christopher Burton,

Buckley, to be Chief Registrar in

strand; died 26 July 1997.

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Royal Anthropological Institute. Changing of the Guard The King's Broop Royal Horse Artillery mounts the Queen's Life Guard at Horse Guards, 11am.

Women's National Commission.

Mr John Davis, to be President of the

# Skirts go sky high

The 'new' mini is a very different animal from its Sixties cousin, writes Tamsin Blanchard. Photographs by Ben Elwes



Christian Dior - where's the skirt?







Givenchy - mean in black patent leather





to be able to make up our minds as to whether they exploit the wearer, or the man the wearer is exploiting. And as for the parallels all too often drawn hetween skirt lengths and the economy. I'm sure Gordon Brown has more pressing matters on his mind than how his economic policies will make girls' skirts yo-yo. I hope so anyway. One thing is for sure however: if your legs measure anything less than 5ft from waist to stockinged heel, don't even think about it. The most important difference between 1967 and 1997 is that women now have a choice. You will not be regarded as a frumpy old maid if your skirt doesn't skim cellulite-free thighs.

If you like to show you are abreast of the trends but your legs are not smooth and slender pins, take the post-feminist, post-post modern, post-backlash option as designed by the young genius, Hussein Chalayan. It's called the skirt-trouser, a pair of narrow pants with the shortest, crotch-skimming skirt attached across the hum, all-in-one. You can bend over all you like and whether you are wearing knickers or not, no one will he any the wiser.

old on to your hems: this autumn, the micro-mini is back. You've heard that before, I know. But this time it really is. On the catwalks, clothes - for women at least - seem to be all but disappearing. As far as fashion designers are concerned, women are now so liberated, they don't need to wear clothes anymore, just a pair of high-heeled stilcttos, a swathe of lace held on by a hairling strap, and a slick of red lipstick. Knickers are optional.

It's not surprising: first, so-called quality men's magazines, once interested in cars, watches and useless gadgets, become obsessed with scantily clad babes. No men's magazine cover is complete without one. Then, Penthouse relaunches and every fashion photographer in London wants to work for it. It's not porn, they say, it's hip. Meg Matthews, Noel Gallagher's wife, turns up at Number 10 bearing her midriff. Princess Di is photographed sunning herself on board Dodi's yacht, strapless and as good as topless. The Nineties will be remembered as the decade of scanty lace shifts, "nude" clothes that you might as

well not be wearing, plunging necklines, and dresses pulled together with just a handful of safety pins. The erogenous zone has become more important than the fabric that reveals it. Little - or nothing - is left to the imagination. Fashion designers are obsessed with sheer fahrics, worn with or without underwear. As we approach the Millennium, the trends look set 10 get shorter and skimpier. "The leg" will be the new season's focus. The longer the better. Donna Karan has even written the foreword to a book called sim-

ply Leg, to be published this September. When Mary Quant slashed skirt lengths more than 30 years ago, London was swinging (sound familiar?), girls were "birds" (now we're babes) and the Union Flag was the greatest fashion accessory. (Liam Gallagher has just invested in three Union Flag cashmere jumpers by Brit designers Clements Ribeiro). Jacqueline Kennedy was cavorting on yachts with her rich playboy, in skirts that fell a few inches short of her knee. (Look ont for Diana's take on the micro-mini this autumn, with or without her playboy's yacht, in a tabloid near you). Then, as now,

enough to get away with it. Is this 1967 or 1997? I wish someone would help me out of this time-warp.

Of course, nothing in fashion is ever the same as once was. This antumn's mini skirts are, in fashion speak, "new". In the Sixties, there was a certain innocence to the "mother of the mini," Mary Quant's invention. Then, it was about freedom, dancing, stripy tights and winklepicker shoes. In the Eighties, the short-skirted power suit was about the label inside it. Now, the mini is an altogether more sophisticated animal. Gone are the playful innocence and the status symbols, to be reptaced by a knowing sexuality. This mini is about power games; designer tights and Gucci heels: flirtation as a means to an end, rather than simply as a means to getting a man.

On the right woman with the right legs and enough self-confidence, the micro-mini is the embodiment of sex and power, as seen on the caiwalks of Givenchy, Gucci. and Chanel. It doesn't matter if they are skin tight, or flighty and pleated, hrated by women's movements. We just don't seem

as long as they are thigh-high. Not content to be knicket-grazing, some of them feature splits as well.

At Clements Ribeiro, the mini is a kilt. Vivienne Westwood's are so short and saucy, they don't even cover your stocking tops. At Christian Dior, it is sugar almond coloured and worn with a nipped in jacket, bohby socks and platform shoes worthy of Betty Grable, the star whose lcgs were famously insured for a million dollars and were shown off at every opportunity. And who could blame her?
In 1968, fashion commentator James Laver

called the mini skirt "the final word in the emancipation of woman - in proving her economic dependence. Long, hampering skirts were fetters to keep a woman home." Thirty years on, I can't remomber the last time I was fettered by a long skirt or. for that matter, a pair of trousers. I don't need a glorified belt of a skirt to walk, run, climb flights of stairs and earn a crust. Nor do I want to flash my knickers as I do so.

Mini skirts have in turn been reviled and cele-

After New Man, Morgan Man

Tuch in the same way that Loaded followed Cosmopolitan magazine, so the slinky knee-high-booted, cleavage-thrusting Morgan Femme is the natural precursor to Morgan Homme, which is set to hit shops around the country in the next two weeks.

Morgan womenswear was established in France in Morgan womensweat was established in Plance in 1985 by the Abehsera family and has been sold on the British high street since 1992. Five years later, there are 33 Morgan shops around the country selling affordable, sexy clothes for girls and women who have a penchant for revealing inches of flesh. The menswear was a logical next step, and is hot on the heels of other popular high-street stores that have seen a gap in the menswear market: Jigsaw menswear launched only in 1993, whereas French Connection has been at it since 1976.

The dothes themselves are not necessarily for the boy version of the Morgan girl, although she would certainly look good on his arm. They are affordable, directional, practical and flashy – in the sense that a man looking for a good suit to wear for a night out would look at Morgan first, and go somewhere else for one to wear for work. Key pieces also include colourful. chunky work. Key pieces also allowed to Rachel Hall, a company

spokeswoman, "buyers couldn't get enough of", and subtle, low-shine shirts and car coats. The overall silhouette is slim, and fits well with the Morgan design ethos. The designer of Morgan womenswear, Jocelyn Bismouth, has been consulting on the range, although it is being manufactured by a different company.

Morgan Homme, confusingly, will not be available within existing Morgan womenswear shops, as Hall explains: "We didn't just want to put it in with the women's stuff, partly as there was no room for it, and we didn't want the men to feel embarrassed trying things on." So instead the range is being tried out in stores such as Fenwick in Newcastle and Tunbridge Wells, Allders and Suit Yourself stores around the country, and other independent shops. There will be one M Homme store opening in Glasgow in the first week of September, which will carry the biggest selection of stock, and more stores will be added as soon as possible.

M Homme, 33 Princes Square, first floor (0141-204 0980; for further inquiries, call 0171-383 2888).

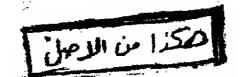
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satinised single £155: black satinised. trousers, £69.99; black triple ribbed: jumper with £49.99.

Black double breasted padded car coat, £149; chunky knit jumper with colour stripe, £85 All by





# Give football and cricket a sporting chance

Intil recently the government carrying significant political clout, not only because it engages the energies relied on to speak without engaging his brain was undoubtedly Tony Banks, a talent for which the Minister for Sport appeared to have some pride. Since his appointment in May. Mr Banks has spouted happily on just about any subject within his brief - and a few that aren't - often without ever laying himself open to the charge that he was giving a considered opinion.

His latest proposal, which might be described as half-haked except that it does not appear to have heen haked at all, is that national anthems should be hanned from international football matches "hecause then sport becomes almost an extension of war. Like much of what Mr Banks has said, it caused a mixture of indignation and incredulity, but appears destined to be ignored.

Over the weekend, however, a new contender stepped into the ring to challenge Banks's position: his boss, Chris Smith. Once again the subject was sport, which is probably significant. Sport has traditionally been regarded with contempt in Whitehall, rated as less important than overseas aid and generating less kudos than the cones hotline. Sport simply does not attract the rigour of policy scrutiny that applies in other corners of the government machine. But, in the late Nineties, sport is high profile. It ought to be viewed as

only because it engages the energies and passions of so many voters, but also because it is an increasingly powerful economic force.

As Sccretary for State for Culture, Media and Sport, Mr Smith has been considering proposals to set up a British Academy for Sport with lottery money, a project initiated by the previous administration in response to Britain's repeated sporting failures (our athletes at the last Olympics; our foothallers when they failed to qualify for the last World Cup; our cricketers virtually every time they walk out on to grass). The new Labour government was committed to establishing some form of Academy, hut the details had yet to he formulated.

On Sunday Mr Smith hegan to enlighten us. Or rather, he didn't, His first move was to tell the Independent on Sunday that he intended the new academy to concentrate on the noncommercial Olympic sports such as athleties and swimming, to the exclusion of the major professional ones of football, cricket and rugby. He repeated the line on the radio on Sunday, with the explanation that money-making sports could be expected to finance their own academies.

Already Smith's thinking appeared to be flawed, and it was quickly pounced on by Lord MacLaurin, the Tory peer who used to run Tesco and



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is now the chairman of the England and Wales Cricket Board. While few would deny that foothall, flush with Sky's millions, has more than enough spare cash to spend on nurturing young talent for lucrative careers in the Premier League, the same is hardly true of rugby, and it is certainly not true of cricket

The national summer sport has been in a parlous state for most of its history. saddled as it is with an antiquated county system whose games frequently attract fewer spectators than the average harn dance. Test matches remain popular, but the profits made from this

form of the game are quickly gohbled up by the impoverished counties.

To suggest, as Mr Smith appeared to, that cricket would he able to put something aside to endow its own academy was frankly ludicrous, and Lord MacLaurin was quick to say so. He went on to point out that the one way his sport might he able to raise money was by having Test cricket removed from television's listed events. and thus able to be sold on the free

Mr Smith then suggested that Test cricket's televised status might be subject to review, and the sport's less than

splenetic reaction to its exclusion from a national academy was interpreted by some as evidence of a covert deal. By now Mr Smith's utterances bore all the appearance of policy formulated on the hoof: muddled, indistinct, and with offthe-cuff solutions that threatened to become problems of their own.

Then, just as the possibility of Test cricket joining Sky's exclusive range created its own controversy, Mr Smith's line changed again. Perhaps cricket might have its own academy, he suggested, separately funded with lottery money. This idea received a guarded welcome from cricker's hierarchy, hut in making it Mr Smith is obscuring the real issue: why shouldn't cricket, and rughy for that matter, be part of the wider national academy?

By concentrating such a scheme on non-commercial sports the Government conjures the faintly surreal picture of millions of pounds of lottery money being spent on our volleyball and synchronised swimming teams (Olympic sports, both) while nothing is done to help develop the country's cricketers, in whom the nation invests far more collective passion. Put hluntly, the nation cares far more about producing outstanding young cricketers, rughy players and footballers than young rowers or fencers. Why, then, should they be denied access to lottery

The example offered by the Aus-

tralian Institute of Sport is instructive. Its cricketing academy has been hugely successful, providing a handful of the current all-conquering Australian team - including Shane Warne - and beating Michael Atherton's grown-up team twice in a weekend on England's last

Though based in Adelaide, away from the institute's Canberra headquarters, the cricketers, like many other sports players down under, operate within the umbrella of the institute as a whole; they all benefit from the cross-pollination of expertise on such things as fitness training, sports medicine and diet. Such a scheme is surely what is required in Britain, with all the sports linked under one academy, and benefiting from the same source of

A couple of years ago when the Australian institute was being scrutinised to see what Britain might learn, its then director said: "The great advantage that Britain has is that they can plan it. Our system just grew, and it wasn't very coherent." Unless Mr Smith is very careful, ours will be a lot less coherent even than the Aussie example. Tony Blair, when he gets back from his welldeserved break, should get a grip on the whole enterprise. Sport is, in one sense, utterly unimportant; and then, of course, it matters more than almost anything that politicians get to meddle m. They had better get it right this time.

### - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -

### **Devolution:** a recipe for corruption

Sir: Those who are concerned about corruption and croneyism in the Scottish Labour Party ("Suicide MP: call for wider probe\*, 18 August) should ponder the malign implications of Donald Dewar's proposals for the election of a Scottish Parliament, Half the MPs will be elected from party lists according to the proportion of votes cast for that party. The selection of names for those lists, the order in which they appear on the list, and thus their chances of election, will be determined by party officials, not by constituencies or the electorate.

If ever there was a recipe for putting corruption and cronevism at the heart of a parliamentary democracy this is it. Those who find their way onto this nomenklatura might be the most corrupt and unpopular people in Scotland hut if they are top of the Labour party list they will still become MPs. Is this how we want Scotland to be governed?

Unless the Labour Party grasps this nettle now, the devolution referendum deserves to fail. A E BOYLE Professor of Public International Law Unn'ersity of Edinburgh

Sir: I am an Eoglishman living in Scotland and Tam Dalyell is my Member of Parliament, and he is a very good one at that.
I am completely in agreement

with him oo the stance he has taken against the devolution of power to Scotland as proposed by the new government. At the weekend a senior Labour figure (name not quoted) was reported to have referred to Tam's intervention as "old Tam's rantings", but I think he seems to be the only MP who realises the dangers to the United Kingdom's union.

I really wish people in England would wake up to the dangers and lohby their MPs. The dangers are: 1. That the Scottish Parliament

and Brinsh one will constantly disagree, thus playing into the hands of the SNP. 2. If the Scottish parliament does not fulfil the wishes of the Scots

they will blame the English and turn to the SNP. 3. English people in Scotland and Scots people in England will begin to feel alienated.

4. If, as the SNP hopes, the Scottish parliament becomes a stepping stone to independence, England will not have as much influence in Europe or the rest of the world as it does at present.

The only way devolved government can possibly work is if all of the UK has assemblies for reginns like the German Lander. Then the West Lothian question would not apply. ALAN GILFORD Loulithgow, West Lothian

Sir: What does devolution do? At best it duplicates effort. Otherwise it provides inferior government for the devolved territory. I do not accept that different parts of the country require separate laws or policics. To claim that a resident of Llancily is essentially distinct from one of Huddersfield is racist and wrong. Culture may differ, hut the

legal system should reflect uniform underlying principles. Britain (and the rest of the free world) should reduce the level of devolution. The Scottish and Welsh offices need to be abolished. English and Scottish law must be



harmonised. (Scottish law is often superior. When this is so, why cannot the remainder of the United Kingdom benefit from it?) We need a new Act of Union to guarantee equal rights to all Her Majesty's subjects and all parts of her realm. Give devolution the raspberry it deserves. LANCE K GREEN Newport, Monmouthshire

### Massacres at the partition of India

Sir: There have been several estimates mentioned recently of the number of deaths caused by the partition of India 50 years ago – figures of 250,000 to half a million have been put forward.

As a former officer of the Indian Police who was in the very thick of the disturbances in Lahore and Amritsar before the partition, and as Assistant Inspector General in charge of the Indian Punjab railway police. I was interested to hear on the Channel 4 programme "Stones of the Raj" the higher estimate of

one million cited. The pendulum of death and destruction swung, over a period of many months both before and after 15 August 1947, across the whole of northern India from Calcutta to Kabul, and back again. During those months death was everywhere: in the towns and cities, in the thousands of villages, on the trains, on the roads. One of my duties in the railway police was to meet refugee trains, usually at Amritsar, coming in from newly

created Pakistan. The carnage on these trains was beyond belief - to men, women and down to the smallest infants. The

trains were packed with thousands upon thousands of dead hodies. and many more were strewn along the track sides. The same thing was happening in the opposite direction, where trains taking refugees out of India were, with the

connivance of the railway staff. being deliberately derailed so that the passengers could easily be massacred. There was a madness the air that was almost tangible.

In addition, nature took a hand that dreadful summer. During the monsoon there were flash floods in some places which swept away untold thousands of refugees along with their bullock carts and all their

An old Indian Civil Service friend (who stayed on in Pakistan) and I were recently discussing the question of the number of deaths, and he agreed with me that it must have been anything between one and twn million, probably closer to two than to one.

It will be many years yet, on both sides of the border, before the bitterness of partition is forgotten. FBMANLEY Richmond, Surrey

### Weather or not

Sir: Forecasters on TV and radio assume that "sunny" is what we all want; "rainy" or "chilly" calls for an apology. And this at a time of national water crisis. Some of us enjoy a balanced climate and presentation that is equally so. IOHN H PAIN Post letters to Letters to the Editor, and include a daytime (clephone number. Fax: 0171-293 2056;

### Checks on dental care

Sir: There are important differences between medical and dental care that should be considered when making reference to the changes reported in the provision of NHS dental care "Ministers study cut in free dentistry on NHS", 15 August).

For dental care the patient is expected to attend for a routine check-up within 15 mooths if they are to remain registered within the NHS. This is not the case for medicine, where there is no onus on the patient to attend.

People normally go to the doctor when they feel ill, and there is the benefit of feeling better having done so. This is not the case for dentistry; the majority of patients attend symptom-free. The dental examination is in effect a routine screening programme.

Finally, patient charges. In medicine, with the exception of prescription charges, care remains

largely non-chargeable.
In a society which is becoming more "risk" oriented the question that individuals may be asking is whether the benefits of deutal attendance outweigh the costs. This may account for the large decrease in registration levels that have occurred in the 25- to 34-year-olds seen. This age cohort has seen major reductions in disease levels when compared with older groups: their risk of future problems is in consequence far smaller.

based on the percentage of the population registered but what percentage need care hut cannot obtain it. PAUL BATCHELOR Queen Mary and Westfield College London El

Government needs to set is not

Sir: The worst error in your report was saying that porcelain crowns which cost at least £150 have been withdrawn. I wish! When I qualified in 1981, a dentist got £71 (worth more than £120 today) for the type of crown in question.

Today it is £80. There is not crough money in the public kitty to get us back to the financial position we were in. It is only a matter of time before NHS dentistry goes the way of the optical Dr GUY SIMMONS

### Barking, Essex

Racial weapons Sir: The point about genetically engineered weapons designed to attack particular ethnic groups (Briefing, 18 August) is that they could be used in a close combat zone where one's own troops have a fair chance of also being hit. Otherwise, conventional weapons

would suffice. If in the Gulf war, for example, we had dropped gas bombs that only killed Arabs but not Caucasians, we would have done so all over the Kuwait-Iraq border, and the war would soon have been over. Of

course such weapons would also

have killed the Kuwaitis and half of our allies, as well as a small percentage of our own soldiers. The truth is that most western

nations are too ethnically diverse now for such weapons to be of use to any side. The main defence would be to ensure that the armed forces maintain a good ethnic mix so that in the event of attack some soldiers would survive to hold the line for reinforcements.

Non-western nations are mmune to such attacks from us because there would always be small but unacceptable losses on our own side, unless we introduced ethnically pure battalions, which would be politically unacceptable. TIM EVERSON Kingston, Surrey

### Busy at the Tate

Sir. Ian Burrell's interpretation of visitor figures at the Tate (report. 16 August) was mislending. Last year's high visitor figures were entirely due to the Cezanne effect, which added over a half million to our regular attendance. Far from the trend being down,

attendance at the Tate is conspicuously up. This, our centenary year, is set to be the busiest ever. Along with our highly popular Centenary Displays, the exhibition programme includes three major blockbusters, Mondrian, Rossetti and Bonnard. Last Saturday was the gallery's busiest day ever, with over 8,000 visitors, and we are already up over 20 per cent on figures for the same period last year. DAMIEN WHITMORE Head of Communications Tate Gallery London SÑ7

### Hiss and boo the musical purists

Sir: Reading the correspondence on the subject of the Proms' audiences (Letters, 14 and 19 August) has reminded me why it is so long since I have been to a concert in a non-performing role.

The modern institution of the classical concert seems to he specially designed to frighten off "outsiders". The quasi-religious atmosphere is reinforced by an atmosphere is reinforced by an arcane set of commandments for the "congregation": thou shalt clap in the right places (try explaining to a first-time concert-goer why the leader is applauded before he/she has played a note), thou shalt not make project in the unions played. make noises in the wrong place,

What would lure me back to concerts would be a return to the pre-Victorian days when audience participation was the norm: oh, to have been in the audience when Mozart's Paris Symphony was premièred - the spontaneous reaction of the audience during the performance was entirely what Mozart intended, Had Mozart been greeted by the hushed reverence of today's concerts, he would have wondered what had

gone wrong. So go on then, Promenaders, if you're excited, shout and clap, if you're shocked, hiss and boo, if you're just plain bored, talk amongst yourselves. Should any of the "cognoscenti" ask you to keep quiet, I would suggest that you advise them to go and buy the CD; theo they could go and listen to the music without the interruptions of others less "knowledgeable" than themselves BRIAN R MOORE

### Take a break

Sir: Why must we have a retirement age at all ("As people live longer let age at all (As become the indigental them work longer", 18 August)? We still let ourselves be dragooned into coborts, as in the Industrial Revolution, with training followed by work, followed by pension.

In our flexible world it would make better sense for everyone to alternate periods of education, employment and retirement throughout life, according to personal as well as economic

circumstances. Much of the stigma of unemployment would vanish if it were considered normal for people of "working age" to be taking time to raise young children or to further their own education. P J STEWART

### Gallic wit

Sir: I like the French (Letters, 14, 16 and 18 August). I find them invigorating and stimulating. They call a spade a spade, they do not suffer fools gladly and they give no quarter. Perhaps that is why many of the English cannot cope with them. JOHN ČUNDILL London SW15

### Old enemies

Sir: John Prescott's remarks about Peter Mandelson ("Hope you claw your way on, Peter", 19 August) remind me of Ernic Bevin's retort when a colleague remarked of Mandelson's grandfather, Herbert Morrison, that Herbert was his own worst enemy - "Not while I'm alive, be ain't.' **TOBY SIMON** Enfield

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From Wall St

to the City of

London, the

lunch of the

yuppie years is back, finds

Treneman -

a guise more

at Cetta runs the

kind of steakhouse that makes America

great, but his restaurant is known for

something besides its menu: a

mob boss was murdered on

the pavement outside Sparks Steak House on East 46th Street in New York a few years ago. This has now become "the

incident", and it's the kind of

thing you don't really want to

mention. I'm not bothered,

though, because I have called Mr Cetta about a different sort

of mob and a different sort of

There is a rumour that lunch

is simply not what it used to be in New York, it has become -

well - a social event. The chat

is almost as light as the food,

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like wine. These days, the seri-

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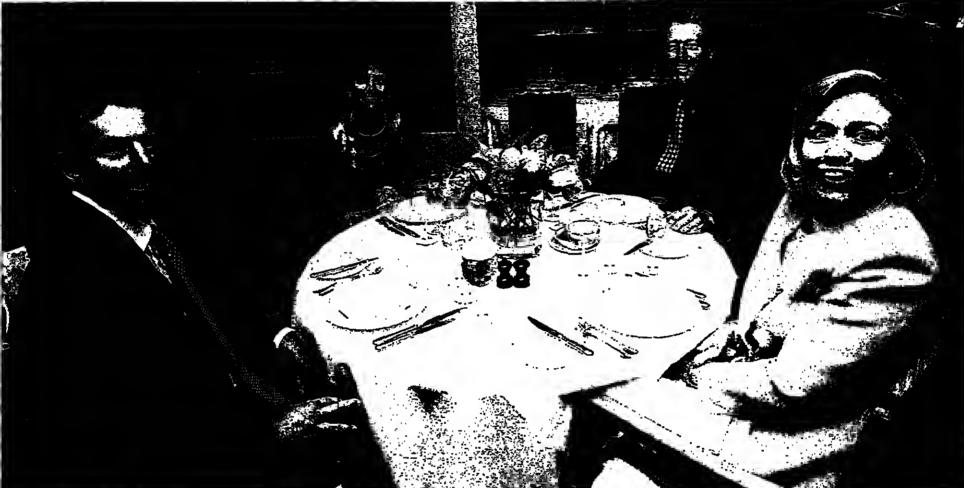
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# Power-lunching is passé, darling. Let's do dinner



Street's new power-eating bour, Lunch is gone. Lunch is a thing of the past," one broker maintains as his surf and turf arrives with a \$100 bottle of wine at a Wall Street haunt and it isn't even 6pm yet. They are calling it the power dinner, the early bird special, the "relationship" dinner for those whose passion is money and the making of it. Mr Cetta have lunch. They want to be at their desk. They don't want to has a theory about this which be miss anything. Now they come

is eager to share. This is how I see it. I think the whole thing really started a few years ago with this thing called downsizing. People started to worry a little about their jobs, and they weren't going to take off three hours in the middle of the day to go and

point, because this is the perfect in here about 5pm. They've been at work since 7am. You have to realise they work through lunch, so this early steak, large live lobsters and top dinner really is their lunch.

They are ready to relax and to And Sparks does not disap-

bottles. Wall Street types love place for power eating. Its menu declares it to be "The Fort Knox of Fine Aged Prime Beef". Here you can feast on the finest 20-ounce sirloin it off with a slice of walnut pecan pie à la mode. There are 30 kinds of single malt whisky

it. It's just that these days, Mr Cetta explains, they love it a little later in the day than before. But if you think eating early means eating light, think again. "This is not a light meal," says Par Felitti, the manager of Morton's of Chicago. Don't be conand a wine cellar with 100,000

fused by the name: Morton's is a chain, and this particular one is near the World Financial Centre in Manhattan. "There is the 24-ounce porterbouse or the 16-ounce rib-eye with an appetiser and salad and so on, plus dessert and coffee." The 230 names on his wine list do not go unread either.

Most people say that it could not happen in Britain, but then again no one thought it would happen in New York.

sky, who used to be president of the 21 Club and nine months ago opened a restaurant called had nobody at five o'clock. But what I see - and what others in the business are seeing - is that the brokers are not going out to lunch anymore. Instead they come here at about five. They are here to do business and they

are spending money." This sort of thing knows no season. It has been a bot summer in this city but the brokers are still ordering steak and what Mr Aretsky calls " big wine. "New York right now is on a roll. The market is going up every day. There is a tremendous boom and it feeds into what is going on," says Mr

And what is going on is lucrative indeed, because the brokers have created a new dinner You get a nice early hit and then it still gives you plenty of room for the regular diners at

So here is the Felitti guide to

enough to write a good

aid, but who else ...?

writer of a political

political memoir, someone

What was extraordinary was that nobody mentioned

John Major as the possible

autobiography. Here he is, newly tumbled from office,

leader, with nothing to do

except watch cricket. What

clearer signs could there be

that the man is wanting to

Why did Critchley and

Because they must have

his life story, in conditions of

the utmost secrecy. How do I

know this? Because I am the

man who bas been chosen to

You may have recently

noticed at the bottom of this

column the apologetic rubric:

"Miles Kington is away" or

"Miles Kington is on holiday" or some such mild untruth.

I have in fact been at a

Hertfordshire working with

John Major on his life story.

And hard going it has been.

The man has obviously been

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lunch, too, but there's no quesearly eating. The market closes at 4.30pm and by 5pm the tion it is more fun to celebrate after work than in the middle traders and brokers are walking through his door. They go to the bar, or sit right down. "We

take reservations from 5pm. Most nights - and especially midweek - the dining room is full by 6pm. We seat 130 there and then we have another 90 in the banquet rooms. All of those are filled with meetings of eight. t2 or sometimes 20 people, for small presentations and things like that."

The jackets come off and the ties are flipped over the shoulder. Almost everyone in the restaurant is male, and the atmosphere is boisterous. Red meat, red wine and machismo do not come cheap, however. On average it costs \$75 per head and the tables look like a public service health warning

a few figures at 8am. In fact, Mr Mitchell admits to having munched the very morning of our interview. "Orange juice It may sound like a debauch

seem the thing to do now, I suppose to a certain extent its meeting in your sleeping time. We don't want to waste any par of the day."
One of the people munching with him that morning turns out

to be Simon Titchener, a Enres husiness development executive who bad just come baci from the States with his own from the States with his own power dinner story to tell. "I did feel quite strange having dinner so early. Normally had past five is my time for an afternoon cake or something But once I got over the shock I did quite enjoy it. The evening is free — and they value their leisure time — and I did actually sleep better. It's much better sleep better. It's much better

for you."
But Britons tend not to care too much about such things and Bob Cotton, the director of corporate affairs for catering giant Gardner Merchant, is not convinced. America may set some trends - lunches are lighter. fresher and less alcoholic these days on both sides of the Atlantic - but not when it

comes to timing.
"When you eat is about local culture." be says. "If you go to. Holland, lunch is still all about a cold sandwich. That is a power lunch in Holland. If you go to Brussels, which is only 50 miles away, lunch is still a five-course event that takes two hours." And what about here?

"The power bour is still Ipm." In London, the most powerful hour of them all - pace Messrs Blair and Clinton, who recently sat down to dinner at the Pont de la Tour not long after the traditional British tea time - ticks away at the Savoy

Here the panelling is yew the glasses sparkling and the tables just so. The maître d', Angelo Maresca, is one of those men with whom one feels instantly at home. If lunch is about comfort food then this sort of service is as comfortable as it gets. His regulars hardly need to enunciate their requests. He knows their special table, whether they want sparkling or still, the correct wine, how they like their favourite meal cooked, whether it is one sugar or two in the coffee. "We take all the worry from them," says Mr Maresca, and even I feel better upon hearing

Wall Street's early bird dinner may be all about steak and machismo, but power eating at the Savoy is subtler than that. Here any food can be powerful or, more accurately, make you look powerful. The thing about the Savoy Grill is that you never know what the day will bring," says the chef. David Sharland.

"Some customers have their favourites and sometimes I only need to see the name to know bow to cook it. One must have only gluten-free food. Another insists on having nachos and so we do those for him. One wanted baked beans, 'Baked beans? From a tin?' Yes, that' what he wanted and so we flambéed him some."

Now that is just about as powerful as it gets. Of course there's no real reason why yo and croissants. We've got a can't bave flambéed bake good early start and it does beans at 6pm, too.

### sitting. "I love this trend because it adds a whole other I've never seen anything like it before," says Ken Aretmeal period," says Pat Felitti. for beart disease.

Patroon at East 46th Street. When I was at the 21 Club, we

esterday morning on the

Today programme they were discussing why it is

that political biographies sell

so badly. It seems that new

William Hague are currently

Howard were being asked to

course, that neither Blair nor

Hague has yet done anything

worth writing about, but the point made by both Critchley

and Howard was that Alan

changed the face of political

plodding. They agreed that

Harold Wilson and Norman

Fowler, and Peter Walker

and Kenneth Baker, had all

produced impressively dull

books, that it was unlikely

would ever get its advance

("Many hands make heavy

remarked of the Thatcher

good political memoir of

bright and independent

millstone masquerading as a

book) and that the only really

recent years had been Denis

Healey's. Austin Mitchell was

that the Thatcher book

back for HarperCollins

work," someone wittily

Clark's racy diaries had

biography and made

everything else seem

on the worst-seller list, and

Julian Critchley and Tony

The real reason is, of

books on Tony Blair and

but they treat it like a meeting. Mr Cetta remembers a time when people met in this way at

### Miles Kington

life that he can hardly bring himself to admit anything. This may be excellent for a Prime Minister, but it is disastrous for the subject of a life story.

"What are your chief memories of your prime ministerial years?" I asked him on the first day, by way of a softener.

We came into office determined to press on with our reforms," be said, leaning forward on the table in that familiar pose of the pub bore at the saloon bar which he always adopted during PM's Question Time. "We had a mandate, and we

were going to use that mandate to press ahead with privatisation, and efficiency, and cutting

As one broker said: "I talk

more to these guys than I do to my own wife." Now, thanks to

the "early bird special", he can

talk to both, because by 7,30pm

the coffee cups are empty.

Allow for the commute home

back in the suburbs, reading the

children a bedtime story or

even talking to the wife, by 8pm

Mitchell is the managing direc-tor of Eurest'a London and

City catering operations, and he

remembers when no one believed in the power breakfast

either. Now even the most ded-

icated sceptics are chewing over

So could it bappen here? Ian

and Wall Street's finest can be

through red tape ..."
"Mr Major!" t said sharply. We are going to be wasting our time if you persist in regurgitating the. hack phrases of Central Office or whoever dreamt up this dreadful stuff. I want your story. I want to know how you remember the Major Years."

"The Major Years," be repeated dreamily. "The Major Years ... I like it ... Is that what we are going to call the book?"

"The title comes later," I said strictly. "First of all we have to establish your story. For a start, tell me how you remember it all. What are the memories that come back most vividly?"

He sat for a moment reminiscing inwardly. Then be seemed to snap out of it.

"Nothing," he said cautiously, "Nothing comes back at all," "Nothing?" You must remember that

Labour government. But we

brought fresh hope. We bad a

of these things!" ever imagined. we had inherited the most holy mess from the previous

Tomorrow: why Michael Howard was never sacked, and what John Major cannever forgive Chris Patter for

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The Major Years: a memoir in the making mandate, and we were going to use that mandate to press ahead with privatisation, and

efficiency, and cutting through red tape ...".
"Mr Major!" I said peremptorily. This is a waste of time. We are going to get nowhere if you will persist in mouthing platitudes. Please let me have your own impression not your platitudes honed for

the market-place ... Mr Major rose from his chair at this point and got down a large book from the shelf. For a moment I thought with wild delight that it was some form of journal which he had secretly kept during his Downing Street years. But then I realised that it was a dictionary, and I saw, over his shoulder, somewhat to my surprise, that he was looking

up the word "platitude". 'Gosh! Splendid!" he said, as he read the definition. "I like the sound

I realised then that it was going to be harder than I had

# Doctor, doctor, you're not on my wavelength

ou don't need to be a top-light scientist to palpate an abdomen or administer an enema. So why do we select only students with top exam marks to become bored

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Every summer, as the A-level results are published. Britain's medical schools move in to sweep up the hrightest and the best of the new genera-tion's scientific elite. This year, 10.016 students applied to train as doctors and 4,471 were accepted. On a scale that gives 10 points for an A grade, eight for a B and so on, the average A-level score of those who were successful was 28.3, better than two As and a B. Even when the 5.000-plus who were unsuccessful are included, the average score is 24.5, only slightly worse than an A and two Bs. Only veterinary science demanded a higher score, of 29.1, but that was for only 494 places. It may seem comforting to

know that those who will hold our lives in their hands are the brainlest in the land. The field of medicine is now so vast, and the pace of advance so rapid, that only the best minds have a chance of acquiring the neces-sary expertise. But there is more to medicine than making a diagnosis. It is also about listening. understanding and providing reassurance based on secure knowledge - the soothing hand on the brow. Are we sure we are selecting the best men and women for the job?

One country is said to have adopted a radical approach to this problem. In the Seventies, so the story goes, Israel required all med-ical school applicants to undergo an IQ test. Those who scored over 130 were automatically

The story may be apocryphal, but it high-lights an important truth. Medical practice, like other jobs, is often routine and repetitive. While there are openings for the super-bright, there is also the risk that the profession will not offer enough to keep them intellectually

And after 20 years of seeing patients, most of them with one of only half-a-dozen com-One editor of a medical magazine used to boast that his largest ever postbag followed publication of an article by a doctor who said he was

hored at 40. Medicine is a broad church. There should be a place for everyone - the brilliant research scientist as well as the dextrous surgeon and the empathic general practitioner. There is even a place for those who abbor patients (and prefer looking down microscopes in the pathology lah) and those who come over queasy at the sight of blood (but do a good joh running public health departments). But can one criterion of choice - academic attainment - select

for all these? Selection has to be fair to the applicants, fair to the public and fair to the nation. On all counts there is evidence that the selection procedure is failing. There are the drop-outs from medical schools, who are both an expensive loss and sad casualties. They have wasted their time and denied a place to others who were more suited to the course.

There is the loss of medical graduates in the early years, some of them casualties of the punishing hours and heavy workload, others of an



Jeremy Laurance

Medical schools must accept lower A-levels in order to

creating bored GPs

avoid

In Chaosing Tomorrow's Doc-tors, a collection of papers pub-lished by the institute, she quotes some of the remarks made to her by newly qualified medics, whose training costs around £200,000 each. "Medi-

as scientists.

education by humiliation. Some

estimates put their numbers as

high as 25 per cent, but that

includes temporary losses,

including twentysomethings seeing the world, and women wanting to start n family. The true figure is probably nearer 6

More disturbing are the com-

plaints from patients about poor communication and a lack of carc. The charge runs that the emphasis on academic attain-

ment may be ruling out people

with the personal qualities nec-

essary for developing the intuitive ear and bedside man-

ner that are essential to good

The evidence here comes from Isobel Allen, a research fellow at the Policy Studies Insti-

tute, who has spent the best part of two decades following doc-

tors as their careers progress or

falter. She observes that many of

those who become doctors do so

simply because they were good

at science, without having any

idea what doctoring involves.

She noted high levels of regret

among young doctors, some of

whom were quite open about their dislike of patients, and

who might have been better off

cine was OK except for the people," said one.
"I found the whole thing of having to look after
people too difficult. I felt I couldn't do them any good - and I didn't give n damn anyway. Another said: "I didn't realise how much

other people irritated me. I wanted to slap their faces and say 'Pull yourself together'." A third said: "I will always regret becoming a doctor. Ten years of my life would have been better spent doing something else."

Ms Allen describes these interviews as heartbreaking. "These were the brightest and the best of their generation, but by the time we interviewed them we were hearing some very sad tales."

There has to be a better way, and in New caland they believe they have found it For the last five years the medical school in Auckland has pioneered a new form of medical student selection which relies less on academic grades and more on personality assessment. It also includes a group exercise which is designed to explore individuals' capacity to work as members of a team. This is given equal weight with academic performance in awarding places, and the initial experience is said to he encouraging.

Other research shows that learning style may be as important as A-level grades in deter-mining success as a doctor, but cannot be picked out by exams. So-called "surface learners" who absorb a lot of facts, may do as well in their exams as "deep learners," who spend longer grasping the basic principles, are more reflective, and are thought to be better suited to the lifelong study that medicine requires.

Medical schools in the UK must now bite

the bullet and recognise the need to accept lower A-level grades in order to provide the flexibility to select on other criteria.

If they do not, we risk training a generation of doctors who will become frustrated, dissatisfied and unable to engage with their outmoded medical hierarchy that still relies on patients over a career that should last 40 years.

# What you can buy for a trillion dollars

by Hamish McRae

wo little items from the last few days' papers. One is that Bill Gates, head of Microsoft, looks like becoming the world's first trilliocaire - a personal fortune of more than \$1,000 billion - in the next seven years, or so calculates
The New York Times. The other, from the Mirror, reports that there are now 130,000 sterling millionaires in Britain and that there will be 200,000 by 2000.

You can quarrel with the NYT sums, because they assume that Microsoft shares will carry on ris-ing at the present rate of 58 per cent a year, which they won't. But the message still carries weight. Mr Gates, at present worth \$42 hillion, is just the most extreme example of the way economic growth in America is creating personal wealth on a scale that the world has not known for two or three generations. On a much smaller scale the same process is taking place here.

With wealth comes power. In many ways the world, and par-ticularly the US, is reverting to the sort of balance of power that existed before the First World War, Then, individual governments were relatively less important. There was a global financial market so that, like now, they had little control over exchange rates or interest rates. Private sector money, rather than state funds. was used to finance big infrastructural projects, as is increasingly happening at the moment. And the most vibrant commercial organisations, the booming companies of the day, tended to be run by powerful individuals rather than salaried managers, again rather as seems to be

happening today. So the shift of power is not just from public sector to private sector, within the private sector there is a shift from bureaucratones run by owner managers. The new heroes are charismatic businessmen, not corporate suits.

If a government wants some-

thing done, it find itself increasingly turning to these people. Look at the cheer that went up when Bill Gates backed the plan to set up a research centre in Cambridge; George Soros has been supporting the rebuilding of eastern Europe; here we tend to look to Richard Branson whenever a businessman is needed to fix things. The reason is that the self-made billionaire can operate with a freedom that is denied to both governments and shareholder-owned companies. Goveroments are answerable to taxpayers for every cent they spend; managers are answerable to shareholders. The hillionaires are answerable only to themselves - they are free to spend their money in the most con-And they do. Bill Gates does money to be comfortable; money



The mega rich: Bill Gates, centre, joins (clockwise from top right) John D Rockefeller, Comelius Vanderbilt, Frank Gould, George W Harriman and J P Morgan Montage: Mark Hayman

Rich human beings are behaving exactly as they did a century ago ... money had to be wasted and the more wasteful the spending, the greater the social status

so by building the largest private dace in America since the war. The Fayed family do so by using the second largest yacht in private ownership to pull triple-A

Here, rich human beings are behaving exactly as they did a century ago. I happened a couple of days ago to pick up Thorstein Veblen's comomic classic *The* Theory of the Leisure Class, published in 1899, in which he invented the expression "conspicuous consumption". He was writing at the time when enormous wealth had been accumulated by a few American families - the Vanderbilts, the Harrimans, the Goulds, the banker J P Morgan and a generation later the oil magnate J D Rockefeller. These families were determined to display that wealth in the most conspicuous way possible.

It was not good enough to spend

had to be wasted and the more wasteful the spending, the greater the social status conerred on the spender.

Veblen notes many aspects of late-nineteenth century consumption which are familiar today. Some of his conspicuous leisure activities, such as owning racehorses and yachts, live on; though now there are new ones such as heli-skiing or, in the case of Mr Branson, going round the world in a balloon. Vehlen also remarks on the preference for a hand-crafted product rather than a machine-made one, even though the latter does the job just as well. This still goes on, for the rich still buy expensive watches. A Swatch tells the time just as accurately as a Rolex. And noone gets mugged for a Swatch.

Other aspects of conspicuous consumption have changed slightly in form. Thus the trophy wives of Veblen's era had to we

uncomfortable clothes to maintain their status, whereas now they have to put in uncomfortable hours in the gym to maintain their figures. And the personal servants of his day were footmen, butlers and maids, whereas now these would be personal secretaries, publicists

All this might seem a little depressing, or at least it is until you consider the alternative. Two or three generations of peaceful wealth generation will enable a large number of people to have enough money to live well and

and bodyguards.

still have plenty to spare. What ended that period last time was the First World War and no-one should wish that on the world again. If global peace continues, there will be more rich people around, bringing with them val-ues very similar to our Victorian forebears.

Besides, the values of Bill Gates, George Soros or Richard Branson give a fizz to the world which it would not otherwise have. (I suppose even Dodi gives a certain something too.) That fizz makes things happen in a way impossible in a world led by politicians, hureaucrats or

salaried managers.

To see this different quality, look at the way global telecommunications are being revolutionised at the moment. This is the most important single change happening in the world economy.

The driving force is not governments, which have tended to stifle competition by regulation and only recently have learned to let the market determine what should happen. Nor is the driver the old telephone companies. which have fought to maintain their mono-polies as long as possible. Nor is it big computer companies.

No. The drive comes from individuals who have broken the old rules. Bill Gates is at the apex of that pyramid, but there are many, many, more on the ladder behind. The new industries of the next century will be created by new money, and will in turn create new money. The vigour will come from some of those 200,000 British millionaires, and from the vastly greater number of new millionaires being created in countries like India and the tiger economies of East Asia.

We are used to living in a world run by governments and corporations. They will of course continue, but they will be less important. In the future the world will be not be changed by them. It will be changed by rich people, bringing with them their values, good and bad; and the erate yet more rich people. Concentration of power in a

few hands of course brings dangers, though it is worth remembering that the American fortunes of the last century were generated - and spent - within the world's most assuredly democratic nation. It is worth remembering too (though Veblen did not make this point) that much of the wealth was redistributed by conspicuous charity; another way of achieving social status. Still, a lot of the new wealth is going to be wasted - expect more conspicuous consumption in the vears ahead.

# 'Stealing has more dignity.' Discuss

less, he told me, is that they are frauds. "My sister had a pub and one of them would come in every evening and change £80 of coins into notes, he said as we journeyed between two posh parts of Edinhurgh. "He was in wheelchair and wore a combat jacket to make it look like he had been invalided out of the Army. But in reality he was a football fan who had jumped under a train and lost a leg in Paris when Hearts lost 5-J to Paris St Germain." So he was a cripple? "Well, yes, but he shouldn't have been wearing the combat

The Edinburgh Evening News was of similar mind: "City gets tough on violent vagrants," it proclaimed that day, at the end of a year-long campaign. But were homelessness, drunkenness, violence and aggressive begging all necessarily synonymous, I wondered, as I knocked at the door of the Bethany Christian Trust in that part of Leith which is the red-light and drug-dealing area. "Can you really make £80 a day at

it?" I asked a group of former downand-outs, who were residents at the trust's drink and drugs rehabilitation

"You could if you did an eighthour shift at it," said one grizzled character. But I was a park-bench drinker; my sole concern was where the next hottle was coming from. So I would just beg enough for the next drink and then go and get it. It was a despicable activity; I hated myself." Begging is demeaning, agreed one of his fellows - "at least stealing has some dignity". Philosophers, please

It was tea hreak. The group, in

Ou can rely oo a taxi driver.

The trouble with these homeseemed obligatory, were spending the morning in a group criticism session in which one of them was subjected to the scrutiny of their peers. That morning's victim wasn't there; he bad gone to his room to calm, down. None of us like it when it's our turn," said one hollow-cheeked man, "but it works. Other rehabs are like prisons, or they leave you idle all day. Here they keep your mind occupied." It's not enough to do the time here, the centre's manager, Gordon Weir, told them. "You have to dig deep to find the seeds of your addictive behaviour."

For all that, when the trust's director, Alan Berry, a former Baptist minister in the city, gives talks at churches about the project, the ques-tion most often asked is: "Should we give to beggars?" He says "no". I've had more flak about this than

any other subject," he said, "Giving may make the giver feel good or less guilty, hut it's not good for people to receive hand-outs. Moreover, they're not begging for needs but to sustain habits. Instead of helping the person to improve, you're encouraging them in a life of drunkenness or drugs." Buy food, give a meal voucher, pay an electricity bill, buy a railway ticket, he says, but don't give money. "In the ladder out of the pit of homelessness the aim must be to give a level of support that doesn't encourage

dependency."
"He's right," said Jim, who works in the rebab kitchen. "If they insist on giving, they should give to places such as Bethany, which relies on charity for all its money." Jim should know. He has been into the rehab eight times. He always relapses. Amiable when sober, he becomes a

**A JOURNEY** AROUND THE WHOLE ISLAND OF GREAT **BRITAIN** 



WITH PAUL VALLELY different being with drink. "When I member. "These aren't just people go out I can't face the loneliness, who need a front door and a key boredom, isolation," he said. It is tacitly understood by all that Jim is nuw But Jim is, in his way, a success stnry. Bethany routinely fails: 90 per cent of rehabilitation attempts

nationwide do. Alan Berry does not like to put figures on it, but Bethany has a failure rate of a mere 84 per cent. But isn't even that dispiriting? "What is failure?" asked Gordon Weir. "For many, being here at all is a success. Relapse can be part of the process of recovery. We're great believers in the second chance.

The fruits of this are all around. In the kitchen, Neil, a former resident, is on the staff as cook. The trust's plumber used to run drugs - amplietamines - from the Continent. The hostel's manager, John Rodgers, is "a recovering alcoholic" who came to Bethany for help JO years ago. "I would do anything for a drink. I stole my mother's pension book. I don't think you can get any lower. I'll never forget the expression on her face when she found out. Bethany changed my life dramatically. They broke down my hard exterior; they treated me with love and respect."

Over the last decade he has gone from sleeping in a gutter to being asked to take charge of a hostel for 28 people, managing 15 professional staff. "I get a lot of opportunities to share the love I have received. I know what people have been through because I've been through it myself; I also know when they are trying to pull the wool over my eyes." For all his compassion, he is no soft touch. That morning he had evicted someone who had kicked down a door the night before and threatened a staff

They have a bagful of problems -from personal hygiene and poor communication skills, to an inability lan Paterson runs the trust's

employment training programme to deal with that. It teaches the homeless how to write a CV, make a follow-up phone call and handle a joh interview. But with many it has to start much further back. West Lothian Council estimates that in disadvantaged areas, 30 per cent of the population have difficulty with reading and writing. "Many of those we deal with are second or third generation unemployed," said Paterson.
"Many are so far behind, they have
to be taught the most basic life skills - like the need to get up and arrive at work oo time every day. They have to he shown even that there can be satisfaction in work." The trust tries to do that by offering training in the shops it runs to raise funds selling good quality second-hand goods in upmarket Edinburgh suburbs. The day ended at Jopan with Alan

Berry visiting the Care Van. which hands out soup and clothes on Waverley Bridge for an hour every night. The side of the van bore the words: "Staffed by people from Edinhurgh and Lothian churches, extending a helping hand to people in

"Some 200 Christians a month take turns to staff the van," said Alan Berry. "I sometimes wonder who it does most good to - those who staff the van, or those who get the sonp."

It is not, fortunately, a question over which he wastes too much time.

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# Laura Ashley to close two factories

### Chief executive expects half-year loss of £4.5m

Nigel Cope City Correspondent

Laura Ashley confirmed its investors' worst fears yesterday when it issued a long-expected profits warning and announced the closure of two of its factories in Wales with the loss of almost 200 jobs.

The severity of the announcement caused dismay in the City as the company said it would record a £4.5m loss at the half-year stage and would only hreak even at the full year.

The warning, which included fresh disappointment about a slowdown in bome furnishings sales, will intensify the pressure on Ann Iverson, the company's American chief executive who was paid £1m last year, to step down.

She was appointed 18 months ago to revive the ailing company's fortunes.

Laura Ashley has had a dreadful few months, with a string of senior executives, including design and huying director Basha Cohen, leaving the group. Now Ms Iverson has been forced to put US expansion plans, the central part of her new strategy, on hold. The shares, which have been as high as 220p in the past 12 months, closed a penny lower at 55.5p.

Nick Bubb, retail analyst at Societe Generale Strauss Turnhull, said: "It's pretty hopeless. It is a very real shortfall and there is no hint of an

Another analyst said Ms Iverson's position was looking increasingly vulnerable: "She's paid a lot of money and she's made a lot of mistakes. Where is the accountability? If the business is not pointing in the right direction by next spring she will have

Ms Iverson said yesterday that she

was determined to stay at the company and see her strategy through: "I am deeply committed and 1 believe the strategy is right. The potential of the brand has not been realised."

She said she did not regret returning to Britain from her native America to take the joh: "Absolutenot. I believe the brand has potential but the scale of the problems were greater than anticipated."

Ms Iverson said Sir Bernard Ashley, Laura Ashley's widow, whose famspeaks for 35 per cent of the group, had not discussed taking the group private. She said both Sir Bernard and the Japanese group Jusco, which also owns a substantial stake, were

supportive of the strategy.

Ms Iverson will receive a pay cut
to just her basic salary of £450,000 this year as the performance of the company is too poor to trigger bonus pay-

The £4.5m first-half loss will include a £1m charge for the closure of two garment sewing factories in Wales at Caernarfon and Machynlleth. The company will increase sourcing from overseas, though two other garment factories in Wales are unaffected.

The decision was criticised both by the unions, who hlamed the closures on poor management, and the local mayor, William Jones, who said it was a devastating blow to local employment: "The saddest thing is that there is nothing else here. There is no other work for these girls."

Laura Ashley hlamed its profits warning on a slowdown in sales fol-lowing a return to full-price retailing, continued below-hudget sales in new stores in the United States and a £2m advertising campaign in America. Laura Ashley will not open any fur-



ther stores in the US until the new store performance improves. Ms lverson said the company would con-

dren's wear and home furnishings.

issue. It is the infrastructure," she said. The company's systems have not tinue to offer women's wear, chil-dren's wear and home furnishings.

"The hreadth of the brand is not the 'at the right time. Group like-for-like sales were II per cent up in the six months to 26 July. However, adjusting the figures for currency effects brings the total to 5 per cent.

Photograph: Brendan Con/FT

The company has been affected by boardroom departures, including its merchandising director and UK finance director. An announcement on the design appointment will be made soon.

### Jaguar looks at building new car in UK

Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent

Jaguar, the luxury car group owned by Ford of the US, yesterday said there was a strong possibility that it would build a new "small" saloon in the UK, in an investment programme that could exceed £500m. Nick Scheele, Jaguar's chair-

man, confirmed that initial feasibility studies for a third Jaguar model range had proved positive and a more in-depth study into the business case for the car, code-named X400, would be completed in three months. Jaguar believes it could sell 100,000 of the cars, doubling its current production plans, which would compete with the suc-cessful BMW 3-series. It would

also provide thousands more jobs, on top of the company's 6,300 strong workforce. While Mr Scheele put the

chances of pressing ahead with the X400 at "no more than 50-50", he said he hoped it could be built in Britain.

"I'd like to think we can find somewhere in the UK that's economically possible. We're looking at our two sites in the West Midlands by doing something innovative there, because we just don't bave the capacity there. We could then move on to look at alternatives, including a location elsewhere in the UK."

The biggest barrier to producing the car at Jaguar's existing plants was capacity at its Castle Bromwich paint facility. which was already being expanded for the arrival of the new medium-sized saloon range in 1999. The \$600m investment project to build the car, the X200, was confirmed last year after the Government offered

a £80m state aid package. Jaguar hoped to assemble the new small car in its Brown's Lane production plant, but said it may need a 100-acre greenfield site, adding substantially to the cost. Mr Scheele continued: There's just no way we can him

a site like that nearby." Coventry Council, which had already been in discussions with Jaguar about the project, said it believed it could come up with a location. Chris Beck, from the authority's development direcmeet their needs by offering a range of sites in Coventry or the

surrounding area."

Mr Scheele insisted the UK's chances of huilding the car did not depend on the level of government aid. "It's true to say most investments which creat that number of jobs are tiable

### Branson and BA in new clash

Randeep Ramesh Transport Correspondent

The hattle for the skies above the Atlantic reached a new pitch yesterday as the bosses of Virgin Atlantic and British Airways clashed over BA's plan to link up with American Airlines.

Richard Branson, chairman of Virgin Atlantic and one of the deal's most vociferous critics, told US Congressmen that the proposed alliance between BA and American was "one of the most outrageous developments in the history of air transportation". He said the two airlines were far too hig to get together and a link

would just put prices up. Mr Branson was appearing in London before the influential US House of Representatives Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, which was also meeting BA yesterday. He also accused BA of having

several secret agreements with other state carriers that would only come to light after the deal with American had gained government approval. "We helieve that they have secret agreements with JAL [Japan Air Lines], Iberia [Spain's flag carrier] and

KLM," said Mr Branson. However Bob Ayling, the chief executive of BA, went on the attack by claiming that Virgin Atlantic was "afraid of new competition".

Mr Ayling said his deal would allow UK airports to be opened to all US airlines. "Virgin wants to maintain its cosy position at Heathrow with access denied to airlines such as Continental, US Airways, Delta, TWA and Northwest ... Virgin is afraid of increased competition."

The deal between BA and American, the world's largest airline in terms of sales, is already way behind schedule and regulatory pressures.

Karel Van Miert, the European Commissioner in charge of competition policy, has made it clear he will not endorse the deal in its current form. The price demanded by Mr Van Miert, which involves BA having to give up 350 take-off and landing slots at Heathrow, is too high for either airline.

For Mr Branson, who meets Mr Van Miert later today, slots are not the only issue. " I would also like to see a review of frequent flier programmes and airport capacity considered," he said. "Small carriers wishing to start transatlantic flights would find it impossible without access to the new mega-airlines' frequent flier programme."

Mr Branson also proposed a new mechanism to help ease the slot constraint at Heathrow. He helieves that slots should be European Commission.

has floundered in the face of offered on a franchise basis, with government regulators letting pose the most customer-friendly

> "It needs government intervention to bring about proper competition," said Mr Branson. If the new Labour government with which Mr Ayling has links refuses to challenge Brussels, many analysts believe BA will revert to a marketing alliance with American and hide its time for

a full partnership. BA would calculate that eventually, the pressure to open the skies over Europe would become so great that it could win clearance without having to bow to Mr Van Miert.

The US Congressional committee's deliberations are part of the overall American investigation into the alliance, although the key ruling will come from the

### Footsie bounces back as fears of German rate rise recede

Financial Editor.

Leading shares returned to etary policy also appeared less favour yesterday after Wall likely after a report from the Or-Street continued its recover from last Friday's sbarp fall and the prospect of an imminent rise in German interest rates receded. The FTSE 100 index closed 79 points higher at 4914.0, clawing back some of the 4.7 per cent of its value it had lost in the previous five trading

Shares were boosted in early trading after the Bundesbank announced that its next securities repurchase would take place at an unchanged Repo rate of 3 per cent. Further encouragement was provided by a slowing in the rate of annual

many from June's 6.4 per cent to 5.7 per cent.

A tightening of German monanisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) said there was no need to raise interest rates. The report said inflation was under control, while the German economy was set to grow 2.25 per cent and a further 2.75 per cent next year on the back of the continuing depreciation of the mark.

Worries about an early rise in German interest rates were a major contributor to last Friday's heavy stock market falls on both sides of the Atlantic. But doubts crept in after evidence emerged of a split within the Bundesbank over the money supply growth in Ger-need to raise interest rates.

yesterday to close at just under DM2.95. The rise in the pound pegged back the market's second-liners, which include many exchange rate vulnerable exporters that have benefited from the perception that sterling has peaked for the time being. The FTSE 250 index of compa just outside the top flight added 17.2 points to 4680.8.

Sterling moved higher again

Second-line stocks were also affected by worries about retail sales figures due to be an-nounced today which are expected to show a sharp rise in activity on the high street following this summer's building society conversion windfalls. That could increase the pressure for further interest rate rises which would put more upward pressure on the exchange rate. I to state aid."

# urrency turmoil sends Hang Seng plunging

Stephen Vines Hong Kong

Fighting talk by the Hong Kong government, anxious to scare off currency speculators, did nothing yesterday to reassure investors who flooded the stock market with sell orders, causing the blue-chip Hang Seng Index to plunge 619 points, wiping 3.8 per cent off its value. Hong Kong is the latest

financial centre to suffer from

the turmoil that has hit Far Eastern stock markets in recent weeks, following sharp falls in many local currencies. The fall in the Hang Seng, the fifth-higgest in the exchange's history, was alleviated by a midafternoon bout of buy orders,

which lifted the index from a 741-point loss earlier in the day. Alone among important East Asian currencies, the Hong Kong dollar has withstood



heavy currency speculation which yesterday saw the Thai baht slump to a new low of 33 against the US dollar.

The Korean currency fell to a seven-year low against the dol-lar, while the Indonesian rupiah dipped below the psychologi-cally important 3,000 rupiah mark against the US currency

Meanwhile the Philippine peso, the Malaysian ringgit and even the once rock-solid Singapore dollar were subject to selling pressure, countered by heavy government intervention. The outbreak of speculative

activity is putting to test a host

of agreements signed last year under which East Asian countries pledged mutual assistance to fend off currency speculation. The higgest heneficiary has been Thailand which has received considerable financial support, principally from Hong Kong and China, yet the value of its currency continues to

In Hong Kong yesterday the local currency, which is tied to the US dollar at a fixed rate, remained steady against the greenback. On Monday, Joseph Yam, the chief executive of the Hong Kong Monetary Author-ity, claimed victory against the

hedge funds, which he alleged had launched an offensive against the local currency the

previous Friday. "We have won the game so far with the help of the banks which pushed the interest rate up," he said.

Yesterday, Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's new Chief Executive, stepped in to repeat claims made by his officials. "Any speculator who tries to at-tack the Hong Kong dollar will not succeed," he said firmly. Analysts point out that Hong

Kong and its new sovereign state China have combined foreign exchange holdings in excess of US\$200hn. This places the monetary authorities in a strong position to plunge into the market and battle it out with the speculators.

Hong Kong appears to have got within the speculator's sights simply because it is in a

Many Hong Kong-based in-vestors are playing it safe and pushing funds into US dollars but the real winner may turn out to be the Japanese yen which has already slumped against the greenback and looks in-

singly undervalued. Meanwhile the decline in Hong Kong share prices is seen by some analysts as a useful correction in the market, the fastest-rising in the region this year, aside from Taiwan. Before yesterday's sell-off the local market was up almost 20 per cent since the beginning of the year. Most other Asian markets

are well down on the year. No one in Hong Kong was brave enough yesterday to pre-dict whether the share self-off marked the beginning of a bear market. This uncertainty was

region perceived to have over-valued and vulnerable curren-Hong Kong government's aggressive market activity to protect the local currency might ultimately prove too costly even for a treasury filled with foreign

exchange reserves.

Despite the assistance of the People's Bank of China, which is said to have set aside \$50bn to defend the Hong Kong dollar, constant intervention in the market and the raising of mterest rates might prove too costly to an economy dangerously vulnerable to external in-

The pressure on the Hong Kong dollar is rekindling the de-bate about whether the territory should retain its fixed link with the US dollar. Prominent advocates of breaking the link, such as the banker David Li argue that it would be better to tie the local currency to a bas-

### **British Gas** steps up fight on revenue cap

**Chris Godsmark Business Correspondent** 

latest battle with Clare Sportiswoode, the industry regulator, over the implementation of big cuts in pipeline charges rec-ommended by the Monopolies & Mergers Commission.

The company last night sub-mitted its formal response to Ms Spottiswoode's proposals, ac-cusing her of going beyond the MMC's report in a move which could cost BG up to £500m in revenues over five years. BG yesterday refused to rule

out calling a judicial review into the char The MMC investigation largely endorsed Ofgas's

planned price regime, recom-mending a cut of £29 in average domestic bills from this year. At issue in the new row is how much benefit BG should gain from fluctuations in the amount of gas running through its

With demand for gas rising sharply, BG's earnings would be likely to go up significantly. Ms Spottiswoode has proposed placing a cap on these revcaues after concerns that the company's estimates for demand, on which the price controls were based, were too conservative.

The move by BG came as one of the leading gas analysts sug-

raise £100m this year from asset sales. Simon Flowers. from NatWest Securities, also increased his valuation of the

company to 280p a share.

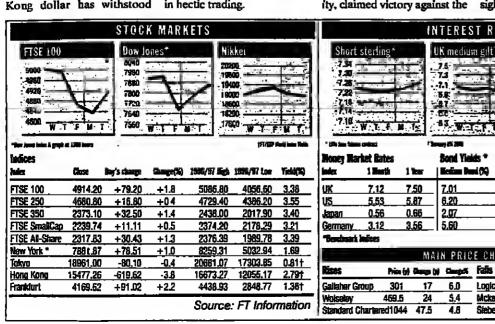
Though BG reluctantly accepted the MMC's conclusions, David Varney, the chief executive, has since claimed the revenue cap departed "fundamentally" from the MMC's recommendations. The MMC report recognised the regulator's worries, hut proposed capping only half the revenues.

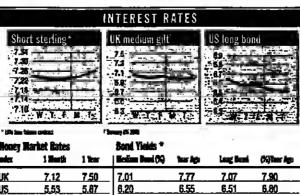
The company's response will reiterate its view that Ms Spottiswoode should accept the MMC's conclusions "in their entirety". It is also likely to fuel the row by expressing BG's "disappointment" over the way the licence changes have been handled. The company will argue that a cap on all its revenues would mean it would face extra costs from the increases in demand, but would receive no

more income. Ofgas, the watchdog, is likely to announce the licence modifications next month.

A BG spokeswoman said the company was still working to seek implementation of the MMC's recommendations, "We would review the situation only if the need arose," she said.

The dispute has raised new questions about the role of utility regulators as the Government continues its review into regugested the company could be on lation. Last week Northern Irethe verge of a fibn share buy-back programme and could similar rift to a judicial review. land Electricity referred a

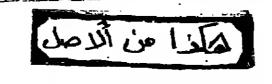


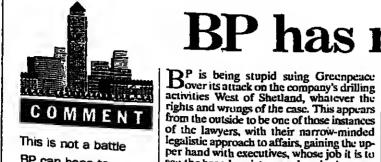


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> frontational approach in the first place. Its best hope now is to find a way of backing off with honour - say by promising to drup the action in return for an undertaking from Greenpeace not to invade its platforms

with which many people sympathise.

see the broader picture and act in the company's best interests, regardless of the legal

The lawyers are of course right to insist

that Greenpeace should be sucd, as is BP's

chief executive, John Browne, who pre-

sumably took the decision. Greenpeace has

prohably broken the law by causing criminal damage in this way. But since when did heing right have anything to do with the shifting sands of public opinion? This is not

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BP should not have adopted such a con-

principles involved.

Let's take the argument in stages. Comparison is being made with McDonald's marathon libel case, which ended in an entirely pyrrhic victory for the company. This might justifiably have begun to believe that

was a case McDonald's couldn't possibly win, despite the ludicrous nature of many of the allegations made against it. Public support would always be for the little man. The BP

case is a very different one. The McDonald's case was about defamation. To BP's credit, it has always taken the view that people can say what they like about the company pro-vided they don't accuse it of corruption. No, this case is about unlawful interference with what the company is doing. BP, then, would appear to be on much firmer ground than McDonald's.

That doesn't make its position much better in the eyes of many, however, for in this day and age, people tend to think that multinationals, and particularly hig oil companies, are fair game. Oil companies apply different rules when operating in developing countries. Why not give them a dose of their own medicine back home, the argument runs.

When push comes to shove, most people will support the rule of law. For some rea-

son there tends to be a blind spot with oil companies. In their case the invasion of property rights seems to be regarded as perfeetly okay. Lamentable though this attitude might seem, it is a fact of life. BP is likely to dn itself infinitely more damage by suing Greenpeace than the £1.4m in compensation

it hopes to recover. Until BP sued, few news organisations were taking much notice of Greenpeace's actions west of Shetlands. The oil companies

targeting of their activities. Now it's all front page news again. It is BP, not Greenpeace, that has made it so. It is easy to understand why chief executives should get all hot under the collar and jump on their high horses about this sort of thing. More often than not, however, the best policy is just to grin and bear it. At best BP has made an error judgement in suing Greenpeace.

### The City gives Iverson six months

Δ nn Iverson, the flame-haired chief exaccutive of Laura Ashley, was recently photographed in Vogue magazine wearing li tic more than a black leather coat. "This is what those City boys dream of seeing me in," she purred. "So I might as well live up to ex-

Sadly for the by no means unattractive American, she is probably fluttering herself. Sack cloth and ashes is what the City boys reckon Ms Iverson should be wearing this season. And as for living up to expectations, Laura Ashley's shareholders might have a thing or two to say on that one.

Yesterday's profits warning was not exactly unexpected, but for all that it still managed to surprise. On top of margin pressures as the company tries to end its reputation as a mark-down musochist, there are problems in America and even a slowdown in home

Greenpeace was a spent force, at least in its | furnishings, just when everyone else in that

The American difficulties must be par-ticularly galling. Ms Iverson has staked her strategy on the great opportunities there. Now we have prices being cut by 75 per cent and the much vaunted roll-out of larger stores brought to a dramatic halt.

Perhaps she has been unlucky, perhaps the

City got too carried away and there were some unrealistic expectations out there. Unfortunately, there has also been a host of mistakes - in buying and in systems to name just two. And a long list of directors have come and gone, including some of Ms Iver-son's hand-picked lieutenants.

In the longer term the husiness may need to achieve more focus. Joint ventures and franchise agreements must be on the cards. Dropping childrenswear must be another possibility. The City boys are giving Ms Iverson six months to start some sort of turnaround. After that the knives will be out Meanwhile, Ms Iveson's £1m-a-year salary seems to be a thing of the past. With no bonuses, she'll have to ruh along on a pif-fling hasic of £450,000. Poor dear.

### Holding the line is costly for Hong Kong

The Hong Kong authorities' struggle to maintain their dollar's peg to the US link, but the cost of holding the greenback looks horribly familiar five years squeezing the pips uncomfortably.

BP has much to gain from keeping the peace after our own failed attempt to tie ourselves to a stronger currency. Having savaged easier prey from Bangkok to Jakarta, the speculators have moved in on the former colony with a vengeance and the cost of resisting their selling is in danger of crippling the stock

and property markets.

In the past three trading days in Hong Kong, the Hang Seng index has fallen by more than 1,000 points, wiping more than 6.5 per cent from the value of the equity market. There is a real danger the present bout of nerves will turn to panic now that this last safe haven from the currency storms elsewhere in South-east Asia has been

exposed. Hong Kong still looks very different from its overblown neighbours where unsustainable growth rates and economic machismo on a grand scale have resulted in the mother of all property booms and busts. But a sound underlying economy and seamless transfer to China have provided little support from

the circling vultures. A battle royal between the deep pockets of Hong Kong's authorities and the only slightly less powerful force of the American speculative funds is hrewing, with interbank rates above 10 per cent in a desperate hid to keep the currency close to its official rate against the dollar.

So soon after the handover there will be enormous pressure not to abandon the link, but the cost of holding the line is

# Capital Corp sues three former employees

**Nigel Cope** City Correspondent

> Troubled casinos operator Capital Corporatioo yesterday is-sued a writ against one of its former directors and two former employees "for conspiracy to injure the company and other matters arising since 1996". The company said it had taken the action "to detend ue of the business".

Capital has been hit by a series of damaging allegations about its operations which have included questions over its gaming controls and food and beverage operations as well as the conduct of directors.

Those cited in the writ are Kenneth Thompson, the former acting chief executive, Des Pereira, the former company secretary and head of finance, and Guy Hutchinson, the former purchasing manager for food and beverage.

The writ claims that the three man formed a "conspiracy" which included:

bringing the company and its management into disrepute; hampering the company in the presentation of its husiness and the financial position in its audited accounts and its defence against the hostile £192m takeover attempt by London Clubs International; and that they encouraged 11 other employees to wrongfully terminate their contracts in April and that they disseminated confidential information about the company, including board minutes, to the press.

Capital is seeking damages, the return of all confidential information and an injunction preventing further disclosures.

Clifford German

yesterday.

A long-running dispute be-tween Cowie, the hus and car

leasing group, and former di-rector Neil Pykett, who re-signed from the board in April

just before a meeting convened to dismiss him, came to an end

Mr Pykett accepted a payment of £100,000 in full settle-

ment of this claims against the company at an industrial tri-hunal. He had claimed almost

£1m in damages for the termi-

nation of his three-year rolling

contract, based on his annual re-

muneration package of around

Mr Pykett joined Cowie in

1984 when it acquired Hangar

Group. As managing director of Cowie's car leasing division he

had been seen as an eventual

successor to the group chief ex-ecutive, Gordon Hodgson, who

reached the age of 65 last year.

But he was told in January last

year that he would only be

considered with other candi-

Last October Mr Pykett told

the board that he no longer felt fully motivated in his job and

wished to resign. At the time his

There is an additional claim against Mr Thompson for damages "on any profits made by teason of his hreach of his duty to Capital Corporation] as a di-rector from 7 September 1993 to 22 May 1997".

The writ claims that Mr Thompson, a former finance director of Royal Bank of Scotland, acted on behalf of Ogden Corporation, a rival US casino group in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Cromwell Sporting Enterprises husiness which owns the Cromwell Mint casino. Capital Corporation was also trying to acquire the Cromwell Mint casino at the same time.

There is a further claim that in early 1997 Mr Thompson, Mr Pereira and Mr Hutchinson acted "to make a secret profit" by procuring Capital to pur-chase high-quality Cuban cigars for £104,450 from a husiness in which they had an interest.

It is expected that Mr Thompson and Mr Pereira will hold a press conference later this week to present their case. It is also understood that Mr Thompson's lawyer has a letter from Ogden's saying that he never acted for them.

Capital's chairman, Ernest Sharp, said the company would "continue to defend the company's business and interests vig-

The Gaming Board, which regulates the casinos industry, is looking at the company's affairs following the allegations. Derek Burns, its deputy chief inspector, said the Gaming Board had the right to enter Capital's premises at any time during its gaming hours and inspect documents and computer files.

division accounted for 50 per

cent of group profits and the company created a monitoring

committee to keep tabs on Mr Pykett, which he refused to ac-

In December Mr Pykett

asked to sell his holding of 118,790 shares but was refused

permission to do so by the chairman, Sir James McKinnon,

on the grounds that it was in-

appropriate for a director to

deal in the shares at a time when

the company was bidding for a number of bus and rail fran-

chises and its bid for British Bus

had been referred to the Mono-

polies & Mergers Commission

would hold the company re-

sponsible for any loss he suf-

fered on subsequent disposal.

The company convened a dis-

ciplinary committee, claiming

Mr Pykett had put persooal in-

terest above those of the com-

pany and sacked him for

misconduct, In March this year

the company sent a letter to

shareholders convening a meet-

ing to seek his removal. Mr Pykett resigned just hours be-

fore the meeting. Cowie's shares closed 6p higher at

353.5p last night.

Mr Pykett replied that he

Cowie pays former

director £100,000



Mariene Dietrich in The Blue Angel, made in 1930, one of the classics Carlton has acquired

Photograph: BFI

# Carlton buys movie classics for digital

Cathy Newman

Subscribers to digital terrestri-al television will be able to watch classic films by Marlene Dietrich, Buster Keaton and Harold Lloyd after Carlton Communications purchased the rights to a film library containing 600 early cinema classics.

The television company has heefed up its film library ahead of next year's launch of 15 digital terrestrial channels, by acquiring the Rohauer Film Collection. Carlton and Granada Group jointly own British Digital Broadcasting (BDB), which was awarded the licence to run digital terrestrial at the end of June.

The Rohauer library gives Carlton access to vintage films such as The Thief of Baghdad, The Phantom of the Opera and The Blue Angel, starring lene Dietrich.

Carlton's programme distribution company, CTE, can now movies and modern blocklay claim to heing the second

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higgest exporter of TV programmes and films, behind the

Michael Green, chairman of Carlton, said digital television was one of the new opportunities for screening classic films. Carlton Films is one of the 15 channels on offer from BDB.

A spokesman for Carlton said yesterday: "As the number of channels grows worldwide, the demand increases. There will always be demand for the vintage classics of cinema, and Carlton is now the market leader in British vintage films."

Carlton indicated that, because of the age of most of the films, the rights had been secured for only a few million

The deal comes four mooths after Carlton paid £65m for Rank Film Distributors, Britain's largest independent film library, containing 750 films, including the Carry On

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### IN BRIEF

### Mathew Clark bosses toast 51% pay rise

Mathew Clark awarded its directors a 51 per cent pay rise in the same year that the shares plunged by over 60 per cent, according to the troubled eider maker's annual report published yesterday. Peter Aikens, chief executive, enjoyed a rise in his package of 63 per cent last year, with his salary, henefits in kind and pension contributions reaching £327,000. The basic pay and pension contributions of Etheridge, finance director, and husiness development director Peter Huntley also soared. Andrew Nash was paid over £170,000 compensation for losing his title as managing director of branded drinks. A spokesman said the directors had been underpaid relative to similar companies until last year. The company has since been hit by competition from alcopors.

### US stokes European acquisitions boom

American firms were the most active huyers of European companies in the first half of this year as the mergers and acquisi-tions boom in the area continues, according to Acquisitions Monthly. German companies were prolific sellers of husinesses while the Netherlands continues to attract buyers, the survey found. During the first six months of 1997, 1,051 cross-border acquisition of companies based in the EU were recorded worth £28.8bn. compared with 982 deals totalling £27bn during the first half of 1996.

### WH Smith shareholders approve buy-back

Shareholders in WH Smith yesterday approved the company's plan to huy back up to 28.5 million of its ordinary shares, about 10 per cent of its issued share capital. The company said last month the earliest date it would make share purchases would be after its results statement scheduled for 27 August. WH Smith is still seeking a new chief executive to replace Bill Cockburn but could announce an appointment as early as next month.

### Independent subsidiary boosts profits

Australian Provincial Newspapers, the Australian subsidiary of Independent Newspapers, which owns 46 per cent of the publisber of The Independent, announced a 16 per cent rise in underlying post-tax profits to A\$12.6m (£5.8m) for the six months to June thanks to a rise in earnings from its Australian Radio Network subsidiary. It said the group had performed well despite difficult trading conditions and was well positioned to continue to

### Barclays spends £14m buying Barclays

Barclays has spent £13.8m huying back I million of its ordinary shares. The bank said at its interim results earlier this month that it planned to spend £700m on share huy-backs, and has now spent more than £300m. The shares rose 11p to 1393.5p.

### Clothing supplier and retailer Hamlet Group went into admin-

Hamlet in administration with £40m debt

istration yesterday with dehts of £40m. Chris Hughes and Chris Barlow of Coopers & Lybrand and Keith Goodman of Leonard Curtis were appointed joint administrators.

### **Buoyant Illion bucks strong pound**

Illion, the computer network company formerly called Persona, announced a 28 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £4.03m on turnover up 36 per cent to £88.4m despite the strength of sterling, thanks to expansion into continental Europe and its £4.1m acquisition of Microware International Marketing, a German software distributor.

### Bayers improves to DM1.7bn

Bayer, the German pharmaceuticals giant, announced strong growth in first-half figures yesterday with group profit rising by 13 per cent to DM1.7bo (£580m), and cashilow by 18 per cent to DM3.2bn on sales of DM 2.6bn.

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# There are still some winners in IT

Tere's a simple question. Should investors be huying information technology stocks at the motechnology stocks at the moment? A quick glance at the share price performance and ratings of many computer service companies suggests not.

Most are on sky-high valuations, driven by growing demand for computer re-programmers to solve the millen-nium problem and prepare for monetary union and a general explosion in the use of IT. Shares in Parity, which reported interim results vesterday, have outperformed the All-Share by 230 per cent over the last three years. The shares up another 39.5p to 531.5p vesterday after the company reported a 32 per cent rise in profits for the six months to June, stand on a heady 26 times forward earnings, according to forecasts from Tim Steer at Merrill

So after such a good run, should investors be taking profits in the com-puter services and IT sector? The answer is no, not if you choose your company carefully. That is part of the problem. Computer service companies are a stuggeringly diverse lot. They include software and hardware providers, like Micro Focus. IT outsourcers like Sema, FI and Logica, IT staff agencies like Delphi, Parity and CRT and trainers and consultants like Admiral, Logica and Parity.

As a general guide, those IT com-panies most likely to reward investors are those involved in people-related computer services - IT agencies, trainers and outsourcers - rather than software or hardware providers. The Holway Report, the IT watchers' hible. forecasts that the market for IT training will grow by an average 19 per cent a year to 2000 against a 4 per cent de-

cline in the software providers market. Some IT stocks will face pressure. Staff turnover at an average 25 per cent and wage inflation at 30 per cent for the most skilled IT staff will undoubtedly squeeze margins. The shortage of IT staff is also a critical issue. Those companies like Parity which have access to large pools of contract staff are likely to fare better than companies like Logica, with a large fixed staff hase. Margins will also suffer as customers start demanding lower contract prices in return for longer, more secure contracts and higher volumes. The winners will be companies like Parity which swap to small customers, which lack their own IT support and are therefore

prepared to pay for help.

However the doomsters who predict that there will be a sharp tail-off of work after the year 2000 are undoubtedly wrong. Richard Holway reckons the outsourcing of Internet and Intranet services - where IT companies write and manage weh pages for their customers - has barely hegun. Other

### THE INVESTMENT COLUMN trading is better it is clear that the discount market is not a happy place to

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Parity: At a glance

Market value: £228m, share price 533p (+41p)

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Parity's share price

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Out performance against FTSE All Share Index over last 3 years

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growth areas are communication, data warehouses and legacy systems. Rather than be put off by high valuations, investors should look for IT companies - like Sema, Parity, FI and Misvs - best placed to keep growing.

### Brown & Jackson buys opposition

Brown & Jackson, the discount re-tailer which was on the hrink of collapse three years ago, appears to be moving towards a more aggressive phase that might, just might, offer some hope to its weary share-

Now controlled by the South African Pepkor Group, the Poundstretcher retailer, which could hardly afford one of a pack of its own loo rolls a couple of years back, is actually making an acquisition.

It is paying Pepkor £7.65m for the Your More Store chain of 127 discount stores. These have been competing with B&J's Poundstretchers and were built up by Johan Visser, who was appointed chief executive of Brown & Jackson in

Trading record

Pre-tax profits (£m)

Earnings per share (p)

Oividends per share (p)

IT wonder stocks

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The deal will be funded by the issue of more shares at an expected price of 16.5p, compared to yesterday's close of 17p. up 0.5p.

Though Your More Stores is also a discounter, there are several differences. First, it actually makes money £750,000 last year on sales of £34.7m. Second, its stores are smaller and do not offer product lines such as tolleuries and confectionery which are available in Poundstretcher.

The reasons for the deal are to inject profits into Poundstretcher, to enable in-filling in smaller towns and to achieve better synergies in areas such as buying. Some costs may be stripped out though Mr Visser says the ratio nale for the deal is huying power more than cost-cutting.

Certainly, taking over your most ohvious competitor is a logical way of making headway in a cut-throat and mature market and Brown & Jackson certainly needs a boost.

Yesterday's figures showed reduced losses of £2.7m in the year to June though it did turn in an operating profit of £0.5m compared to the previous year's £3.1m loss.

More worrying is the sales line, where like for-like sales were only I per cent ahead last year. Though current

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be at the moment. On the positive side, Pepkor has made widespread management changes, with five directors leaving the board in the past year. On forecasts of film profit this year, after several years of losses, Brown & Jackson's shares trade on a forward rating of 21. As ever, one for the hrave.

### Stoves' springtime drop 'just a blip'

toves, the specialist kitchen stove makers, vesterday confirmed a springtime drop in sales which they hlamed on consumer nerves ahead of the general election.

Sales in the fourth quarter of the year to the end of May were little higher than at the same time in 1996 after running 30 per cent ahead in the first three quarters.

But the company still increased turnover for the full year by 27 per cent to £80m, while pre-tax profits rose 21 per cent to £5.2m, bang in line with forecasts from Dresdner Kleinwort

Benson, the house broker. The tax charge rose from 18 per cent to 32 per cent as previous tax losses were finally used up, cutting earnings per share to 13.9p, but this too was an-

ticipated. It was the eighth successive year of growth and the spring downturn is now confirmed as a blip.

Sales of cookers traditionally rise when the housing market is strong, and the company has little exposure to the

effects of a strong pound. New products in the pipeline include a rotary gas burner that will combine the moistness of gas cooking with the even heat of a fan-assisted oven, while sales to export markets in Ger-many and the Netherlands are beginning to build up.

A new distributor has just been

signed to handle the 20 per cent of deliveries which go direct tu purchasers' homes.

That should help control distribution costs, which rose 54 per cent to £7.3m last year.

The current year's capital spending should be no higher than the past year's £4.4m. and analysts are hopeful that profits will resume their upward march to £7.2m, equal to 19p a

But the shares, which peaked at 330p in February, still reflect the springtime

They gained just 1p to 268.5p yesterday, only 14 times forecast earnings. That looks like a huying opportunity.

### Sir Teddy turns to the bottle at holiday time

"Empty pockets every night into a large bottle. The result can be put towards a family holiday." advises Tory stal-wart Sir Teddy Taylor. This is just one favourite money-sav-ing tip revealed by a clutch of top MPs to Virgin Direct, in what Richard Branson's company tastefully describes as its estions of Cash" survey.

Alan Clarke of "Diaries" fame recommends "never writing a cheque" while fellow Tory Michael Mates sug-gests "hiding the wife's credit

The Labour suggestions are a lot more politically correct hut most of them are by MPs I've never heard of. Nicholas Palmer, member for Broxtowe, suggests "avoiding poli-North) urges you to cut down on "beer and fags" while Lindsay Hoyle (Chorley) sim-nly case: "Days" ply says: "Deep pockets, short

As for the Lib Dems, Andrew Sanders (Torbay) de-clares: "Don't buy shaving foam, use soap instead."

Virgin claims the results of the poll of 51 MPs show clearly that they prefer direct distribution of financial products: 41 per cent of those polled opted to buy direct from the company. Our political leaders seem to be a pretty well covered lot; over two-thirds have a personal pension, 47 per cent hold a PEP and 37 per cent invest in

Last but not least, 73 per cent of the MPs polled admitted they were still learning about money management. What this says about the future prosperity of this country I'm not sure.

It must be fun being a risk manager for a large company. Every other October you get . the chance to attend the Monte Carlo Risk Management Forum, three days of lectures and lunches. This year insurance brokers Sedgwick are making the occasion even more agreeable hy spon-soring the City of London Sinfonia (CLS).

On Tuesday 7 October the Orchestra will play for the first time in the principality with a concert including pieces by Tchaikovsky, CamPEOPLE & BUSINESS



Sir Teddy Taylor: One of the MPs featured in Virgin survey

pra and Vivaldi. Which is all fine and dandy, but when I think of Monte Carlo I think of casinos. Do any of their delegates ever get the urge to test their risk management theories at the gaming tables? Tony Richards of Sedgwick laughs: "It's been known. The only disincentive is the amount of money you need, I think." Not that Mr Richards has ever been tempted: "I'm risk-averse myself."

Is this another Martin Taylor in the making? Mr Taylor, now chief executive of Barclays Bank, started his career writing for the Lex column on the Financial Times before being whisked away by Christopher Hogg to help run

Courtsuids Now John Kingman, a writer for Lex and a former private secretary to Stephen Dorrell at the Treasury, is being whisked off to work for John Browne, chief executive

Mr Kingman will work with Nick Butler, BP's group policy adviser, advising on BP's strategy. When I say "whisked", he's got to serve out his three months' notice, of course. Seeing that Mr Taylor wound up at Barclays, perhaps Mr Kingman will succeed Derek Wanless at NatWest - who knows?

It looks as if the search to replace Ray Snoddy as the FI's media guru has ended the Pink un's banking expert John Gapper is firm favourite for the job, although he mod-

EMI has recently looked at expanding into developing mar-kets such as Asia and Latin

America. EMI and its rival,

PolyGram, are keen to develop

their local repertoires in these

areas, as the fragmentation of

the global music market makes

it more difficult to export in-

estly insists that "nothing has been decided yet." Mr Gapper will write on international stories while a yet-to be appointed reporter will help out on UK stories. Also, Simon Davies from Lex is going to be the FT's in-

ternational capital markets editor from 22 September. You know it's the holiday season when the Global Markets Economics team at Bankers Trust can devote two-and-ahalf pages of its European newsletter to a learned article by Flaneur de Boulevardier: Red wine: A hlue chip in-

vestment?" The newsletter usually comments on the latest monetary signals form the Bundesbank and the like. I don't recognise Mr Flaneur's name either. He obviously knows his stuff, however. Did you know that "in the last fourand-a-half years the BT firstgrowth claret index has risen by nearly 350 per cent, compared to a 64 per cent gain for the Footsie."

The author analyses why top French wine prices have shot through the roof in the last five years, so that now you can pay a £1tht deposit for a bottle of something that hasn't even been bottled yet. The chief culprit is the juxtaposition of relatively fixed quality wine production and an increase in demand from a richer and more knowledgeable public.

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## **EMI** to build Arabian music repertoire

Cathy Newman

EMI, the music giant whose artists include the Spice Girls and the Beatles, is to expand into Egypt as part of plans to increase its presence in the Arah countries.

The company has appointed an agent in Egypt to distribute EMI's international recordings and develop its Arabic repertoire. If all goes according to plan, EMI expects to set up an

office in the country.

A spokeswoman for EMI said yesterday: "You have to start somewhere and this is where we start. It's part of our commitment to growing the Arah region." However, she said the move

was at this stage "exploratory" as music piracy in Egypt, where alhums are illegally copied,

Watmoughs.

chief quits

after dive

**Clifford German** 

could present a problem for the group. "The market really does need stronger copyright and piracy legislation," she said. According to the most recent figures from the International

Federation of the Phonographic Industry (IFPI), 25 per cent of all alhums sold in Egypt in 1995 were pirated. However, EMI sees a potential for growth in Egypt, which is the fourth-largest music market in the Arab countries.

the United Arah Emirates, Saudi Arabia, the Lebanon and Abu Dhahi. The Middle East and Turkish region represented only 1 per cent of world music sales last

ternational artists across the world. PolyGram recently expressed an interest in moving into Vietnam. EMI said yesterday that local EMI already has operations in tural reasons.

stars were also in vogue for cul-

"As countries develop and be-come more affluent, they huy artists who sing about their own culture," the spokeswoman

year, hut grew 15 per cent during the period, IFPI figures showed. Sales of CDs in the area increased by 29 per cent in 1996.

"Local repertoire is things are going as in music is more identifia dividual consumers." "Local repertoire is the way things are going as indigenous music is more identifiable to in-

# **Restaurant boss**

Cathy Newman

themed restaurants group, is to sell its music and theatre inter-Declan Salter, chief executive of Watmoughs, the printing group, vesterday resigned after less than eight months in the job. He has paid the price for the halving in Watmoughs' share price since his appointment, after the group posted disappointing re-sults for 1996 and two profit

warnings this summer. He leaves with a redundancy package worth an estimated £200,000, representing a year's salary. Patrick Walker, Watmoughs' 65-year-old chairman, will return as chief executive, having

reigns to Mr Salter after grooming him for the joh since 1994. He intends to stay as chief executive for another two years, hut will hand on the chairmanship tu Sir Derek Birkin in November, two months ahead of

only recently handed over the

The board blames the strong pound, erratic paper prices and price-cutting by continental competitors for the setback. The shares, which fell from 450p in Fehruary to just 178p last month, rebounded 4.5p to

# resigns for buyout

Break for the Border, the

ests, which include the Brixton Academy and the Shepherd's Bush Empire.

Ian Howard, chief executive and one of the founders of the husiness, has expressed an interest in buying the music and theatre divisions.

He has resigned as chief ex-

ecutive to put together a bid, al-though he will remain a non-executive director. Break for the Border will now

focus on expanding its bars and restaurants. One of its themed restaurants will open shortly in Leeds and further division.

openings are planned within the year. The company said the division being sold was not as profitable as its bars and restaurants husiness.

Mr Howard has a back-

ground in the music business, and founded the company's Borderline clubs, which play live music at venues in Charing Cross and Oxford Circus. He has been replaced by Roger Beaumont, group oper-ations director. A new non-executive director will be

For the year to the end of March, bars and restaurants reported turnover of £14.27m, compared to turnover of £6.88m in the music and theatre

appointed shortly.

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### Kenwood remains in Pifco's 4 sights

Pifeo, the Carmen hair-rollers to Russell Hobbs kettle group. said yesterday that it was still considering launching a hostile hid for Kenwood, the larger electrical goods group, after its friendly advances were rehuffed earlier this year.

Michael Webber, chairman of Pifeo, said yesterday: "We haven't ruled out anything. We still believe in the industrial logic of merging with Kenwood. We haven't said whether we would go hostile or not."

Pifco reported a 23 per cent

rise pre-tax profits to £3.8m for the year to April. Mr Webber said the company, which has £7.5m net cash and no gearing. had "suhstantial" bank borrowing facilities to fund an acquisition and would consider issuing paper. He added that Pifco, which

has been under pressure to make an acquisition and has been stalking Kenwood for two years, was also considering three other potential targets including a large appliance muk-er on the Continent.

lysts' views that Pifco was waiting for the next profit warning from Kenwood before making "It's all very well to feel ex-

Mr Webber confirmed ana-

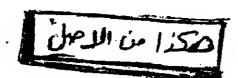
asperated and frustrated, but life is about patience and tim-ing. We are hiding our time," said Mr Webber. "You must remember that our original offer was never put tu Kenwood's shareholders." Kenwood's shares have slumped from 400p three years ago to 115p, though renewed hid hopes yesterday sent them

11.5p higher, valuing the company at £53m against Pifco's current market capitalisation of £35m. Pressure from dissident shareholders led to the departure of Tim Beech as Kenwood's chief executive in Fehruary.

Pifco's results were themselves upbeat. A strong performance from the group's Russell Hohbs Millennium kettle range. which boils water faster than any other kettle and does not fur up. drove the profits increase.

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# Oil strikes fuel excitement for BP and BG shares

There is nothing like uld-fash-ioned oil strikes to fuel stock market excitement. Shares of BG, the old British Gas, have enjoyed a powerful run nn finds, real and rumoured, and yesterday it was the turn of British Petroleum, up 21.5p to 859p, to hit the high road on a discovery off Angola.

BP, suing pressure group Greenpeace for £1.4m, is part of a consortium headed by Elf Aquitaine. According to the French group, the well has tested a cumulative flow rate of

16,000 barrels a day.
BG, 1.5p higher at 254p. was riding at a peak until last week's slump. The market had been excited by oil and gas finds off Trinidad, in the North Sea and off-shore Egypt.

The once-ailing gas group is rumoured to have struck it rich in Indonesia but drilling there continues and any development before the middle of next month is unlikely.

The group, clearly enjoying its status as an increasingly influential oil and gas explorer. kept up the momentum by disclosing Texaco had taken a 20 per cent interest in its po-tentially rich Kazakhstan field which it runs with ENL the Italian energy giant. NatWest Securities believes

BG is still a buy, despite its strong display in the past few months. It upgraded its asset valuation from 240p to 280p. Interim figures, the first since the Centrica demerger, are due next month. A share huyback and sale of under-

performing assets may he on the agenda, says NatWest which also repeated its huy advice on Shell, up 14p at 430.5p. The rest of the market staged an impressive rally. Footsic opened in determined style with a 43.3-point jump and went on to close with a 79.2

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Fleming Far Eastern off 6p to

enjoyed a modest huvnack ex-

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Hambros, the under-pres-sure merchant bank, rose 10p

to 227.5p. It turned down a hid

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Barclays, up 11p to 1,393.5p.

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298.5p.

sectors behind this year's Footsie push, led the comchack.

HSBC, the banking giant, ignored the Hong Kong share retreat as Dresdner Kleinwort Benson gave a 79.5p push to 2,176.5p by emphasising its 2,600p target. There was talk HSBC, known to be seeking acquisitions and consequently linked with an array of available banks, had set its sights on Commerzbank, the German

Other financials to move ahead included Standard Chartered, another with Hong Kong exposure, up 47.5p to

The Hong Kong nerves were, however, reflected in and Zeneca 52p to 1,942p.

British Aerospace ignored an SBC Warburg huy (1,700p an SBC Warburg how (1.740p target), softening 3p to 1.446p. Warburg had better luck with engineer FKI, up 2p to 197p; it suggested a 230p price. Allied Domecq frothed 11p to 479.5p m an ABN Amro Hoare Grount forecast of a 10

Hoare Goven forecast of a 10 per cent upside and expectations other investment houses will adopt a more positive WH Smith, the newsagent,

hardened 16.5p to 375.5p on a Cazenove push and talk of corporate action with specula-tion stretching from a break-up to a Tesco hid.

Laura Ashley looked more threadbare, off lp to 55.5p following its latest setback.

MFL the furniture chain, firmed 4p to 159p with Houre saying the shares were under-

Southern Electric, the only electricity distributor to avoid a hid, improved 5p to 454p on

Societe Generale Strauss Turnhull support.
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PDFM lifted its stake to 20.6 per cent, held at 62p. Nikko, the investment house, has a sell

sign over the shares.

It believes the struggling retailing group "will be lucky to produce a half-year profit and points out there are market worries whether the dividend will be held. Year's profits are expected

to be £50m before exceptionals against £140.2m in 1995. Asks the securities house: Who wants to be left holding the rump once Freemans is suld and Selfridges de-

merged?" Kenwood, the kitchen appliance group, recovered most of Monday's fall after rival Pifco let it he known it still hovered and had not given up

hopes of hidding.
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Ennstone, the building materials group formerly known as Albrighton, has increased its power at Bruntcliffe Aggregates where it is hilding talks but has still to make a bid. Yesterday it picked up, in effect, another 4.28 per cent of Bruntcliffe on a share exchange formula. Providing a bigher bid does not materialise, the vendors nf the shares pledge in accept an offer Ennstone has sig-nalled and may make. The deal lifts Ennstone's stake to 13.66 per cent. Bruntcliffe hardened to 39.5p.

☐ Stockbroker Redmayne Bentley likes Prudential Corporation. "We see good growth potential and limited downside," it says. The Pru, likely to unlock its £5bn of orphan funds soon, is expected to produce profits of £893m this year and £938m next. Shares rose 8.5p to 602p.

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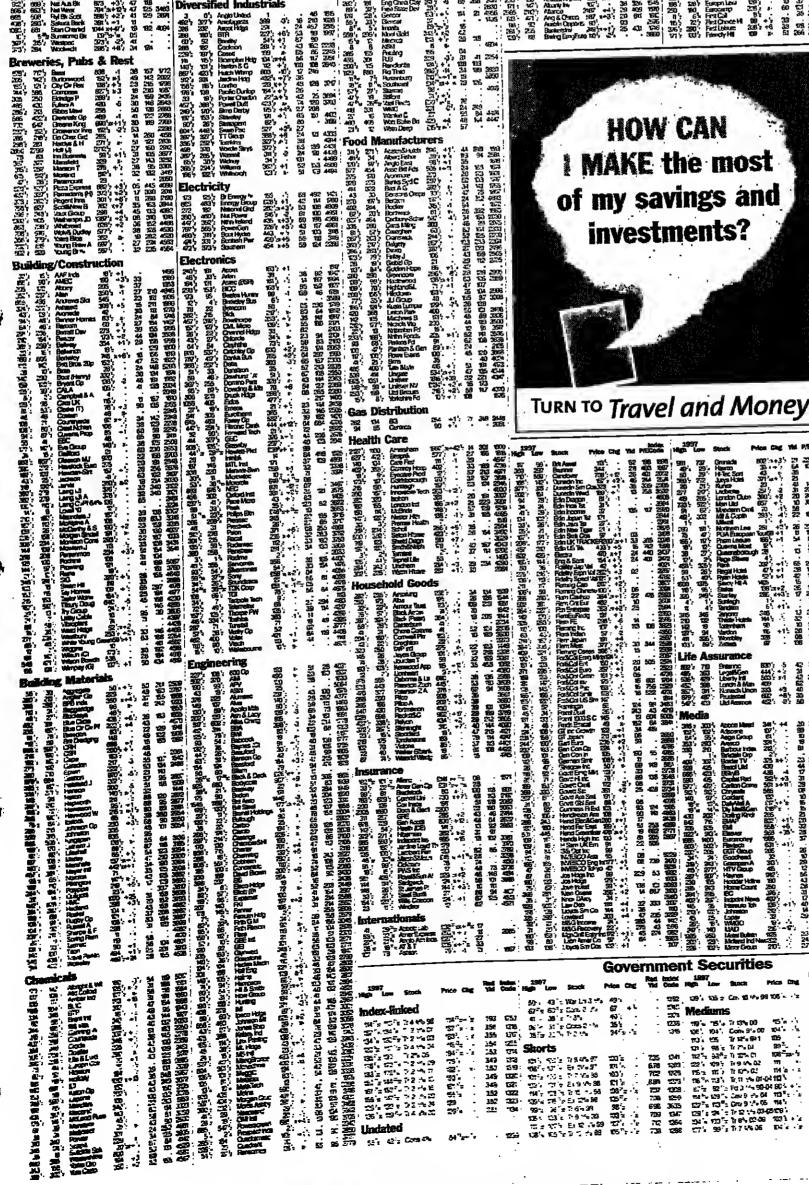
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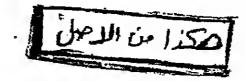
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YORK EBOR MEETING: A front-runner quick from the draw can hold off last year's winning team in the week's big handicap

# Bimsey to defy Purist for punters

There are many delights to take in the big August meeting at York, not the least of them the fact that, while there may be half a dozen past and future Classic winners racing on the Knaves-mire this week, the event which will pack the terraces like no other is a handicap. The snobs may not like it, but at its heart, this is a meeting for the punters.

And punt they will shortly after three o'clock today, in sums large enough in ensure a bleak autumn for the local economy if an outsider leads the field home in the race which gives the entire week its name. Twentytwo runners will go to post for the richest Flat handicap any-where in Europe, and the winner will earn every penny of the £100,000 first prize.

And if it is a gruelling race for the runners, it is little better for the backers attempting to sort it out. Just one clear favourite has obliged them in the last 14 years, and while Puce is close behind him in the ante-post betting, the unwelcome task of ending that dismal run will probably fall to Media Star this afternoon.

John Gosden's runner could hardly be better named, given that both the trainer and his jockey, Frankie Dettori, are among the most amenable interviewees on the turf. After a similar mishap befalling Dettori's excellent start to the Reams Of Verse (2.35), the meeting, his supporters will be doubly encouraged to note that the removal of Kutta from the top of the weights should mean that Dettori will not put up any overweight on the favourite.

While the betting fates can give, so can they take away, and any advantage conferred on Media Star by the rising weights is more than cancelled out by his high draw. There are those who do not believe that the draw can influence a 14-furlong but with the exception of Sammartino two years ago, a sin- the best of rides from Michael gle-figure stall has been all but Hills last time. He is not one to a prerequisite for success in the last decade, a trend which is too The runners in the third race pronounced to be coincidence.

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who must overcome a wide and Mnhawk River, the next two names in most bookies' lists, are similarly inconvenienced, a particular irritation in the case

nf the former since she would otherwise have been a confident selection to reverse recent

Stoute and Fergal Lynch, but comes into the race with just a maiden in his credit, and may lack the necessary experience.

BIMSEY (next best 3.10), by
contrast, is a familiar figure, particularly to National Hunt enthusiasts, and while he has not reproduced his excellent hurdling form on the Flat so far this

> RICHARD EDMONDSON NAP: Puce (York 3.10) NB: Bures

Bimsey can seize the initiative.

should be the one to benefit. A better chance of making money comes with Amyas (next best 2.05), who did not red make the same mistake twice.

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2.35: MY EMMA, sure to be better for her length third to Surgeon in a Group Two race at Maisons-Laffare, is a good bet on the form she showed to win the Group One Prix Vermeille over Im 4f at Long-champ last year. Oaks winner Beans Of Verse, is the danger.

the main danger.

3.10: COLOUR CODE, lightlyraced and a game 5% lengths fourth to Beaumont over 1m 6f 175 de at Newmarket last time, could go well at a hig price. Puce may pose most problems.

3.45 CARROWKEEL having his first run for a while when fourth at Windson recently, might spring a surprise. Bold Fact looks the



Goodwood form with Media Star. The only sensible option, though, is in play the percentages and stick in the low numbers, where the choice lies between Bimsey and Purist. Purist represents last year's winning combination of Michael

(Cartmel 5.20)

year, he has not yet been allowed to make the running, as he does so successfully over the sticks. You could wish to have no sharper trainer nn your side in a big handicap than Reg Ake-hurst, and from his low draw,

Henry Cecil's Ebor meeting did not begin as planned yesterday with Bosra Sham finishing last, but it is difficult to see Oaks winner, in the Yorkshire Oaks. Many will anticipate a double for Cecil, who saddles Bold Fact in the Gimerack Stakes, and the July Stakes winner holds every chance if he can run in a straight line from his stands' rail stall. He is not a straightforward ride, though, and Social Charter (3.45), a cosy winner at Salisbury last week.

at Folkestone yesterday had a And it is not just Media Star narrow escape when a car came on the track in front of them starting position. Both Puce during the race. A course attendant removed some running rail to allow the car to drive off the course just in time. Yesterday's results, page 22

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BEAW ADVANTAGE: Mose.

Left-hand, U-shaped course. Fist and ideal for the powerful galloper.

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HARRY WOLLTON, third to Annus Marabilis at Newmarket (1m 2f) after his fifth to Hewkisky Hall at Sandown (1m), at the best bet, itsualing had it to do against inskink at Donesster (1m) after his maden win here. Out of Time Charter, iffusion is naised on to go well for this longer mp. Frankle Dation rides Berny Hills Paince of My Heart, who had a tough task against Romenow at Haydock tast time, The cot; on caretainy be considered now his book in a handlape on his two-length fifth to Dandah Shappeody at Goodwood with his 5th pull. Najas Mulbeas has abdity and as interesting in his first-time visor. A fast-firmashing ascord to Pasternak in the Magnet Cup here, he looked a lettle unlady at Goodwood-bestian only two and a half lengths in nimth and siso 5th better in with Danish Rhappeody. Willosess and Kuslah Lipis are others curring in the headigest for the first time. Willcums wents softer ground, but Kusla Lipis could assily be the surprise package with Childer Pestier booked. The ground could prove a bit likely for Aucti wenter Present Ansta, and Gassa Play (shearing third in the Magnet Cup her a fine Long contract of reversing the form on 5th bester terms. This could be too strong a race for Sandosoor Chambray, while Supply And Dessand holds Generous Gift and Ansyss on his Goodwood second to Future Perfect.

Selection: HARRY WOLTON

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REAMS OF VERSE taces a stem that in the otion Well-awater Affair, but sin has the ability to deliver once again. She resished the longer top in the Musicion after her Guiness re and then showed her class when overcoming traffic problems to land the Dales. She should handle this faster ground and Crown Of Light is hard to fancy on the Dales form after by hardle this faster ground and Crown Of Light is hard to fancy on the Dales form after by any threshood by Yeshmak et Ascot. Sequent he in the upgate but after cannot best Ream Of Versa on a line through attitive, miles behind the Ceal flay at Eponth but, besten only length and a half by Spacet in the Lanceshithe Coles at Haydock, Papering's second in the last year brought to a helt Luce Current's great record in the rece, and Writewater Affair the main threat after the istant Decualle win and her fine effort against Production and Selection: REAMS OF VERS
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FOOM GIADE

Mohawik River has every chance provided he stays Booth wins at ten flationgs) efter a cracking win on his reappearance at Newmarten 18 days ago. However, his younger stablement plints? has a great draw in stall four and must be the choice. Mohawi Stoute was over the moon with the progress made by Purist when the cost made all to best Lithe at Yermouth (soft ground). Puret's sater Pure Grain won the Yorkshire Outs two years ago so Purist can be considered a centern stayer. Lithe won a hendicap at Goodwood streaments and the progressive Purist must take the beeting in the heads of Fergiel lynch, who won this for Stoute last year on Clarisenwell. Incidentally, Clarisenwell came from the Queen's Vase to collect and Goods was the worther of that race. Demon Weld's charge is running into form at the right time (won at Leopardistown fast month) and rates the pick of the top weights. Medie Star and Press cross secrets again efter Goodwood clare (i) with his two-mile stamine, Media Star and Press cross secrets again efter Goodwood clare (ii) with his two-mile stamine, Media Star and Press cross secrets again efter Goodwood clare (ii) with his two-mile stamine, Media Star and Press (cross abords from the off and seded home uncluderaged from Puos, who got going too late from the firm the off and seded home uncluderaged from Puos, who got going too lates from the mar. Puos, who best Stap Aloit in fine style here less backend, gets a 75 paul with Media Star-and that becomes 100 with Reyston Firench's claim-so the Riy is in with a great chance despite the poor draw frest to Mohawik River). Media Star-soft fillessay and wiffells Conqueer. Will'e Conquer is preferred on his rack-solid runs at Royel Accet (third to Zamississ) and here (second to Berustom over the trop due purpose girling Fer Albead, who returned to his best when second, conceding tumps of weight, to Vallegione over this tim at Heydock, is preferred. There is also a chance thet stable

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BOLD FACT has the plum draw on the stands side fence. He tried his best to throw sway the July Stakes by swening badly to the light offer succeeding in his task in the Covertry of Royal Ascot where he had the prize wrapped up. Bold Fact can dely his 3th penalty with the form of his fresh saving a few knocks. Social Charter duly won his maiden at Salisbury a week ago, but his debut form at Ascot doesn't look that good now with La-Fash and Mulawall getting well turned over here yesteroley. Arthest wont cashy when a red-hot fasourite at Newbury, but the form took a jok when the Second, Sebhaen, was hermoned at Goodwood afterwards, vorlahiermen Wilstern Hegges will be a happy man if his Handleauster when. The Least Tyconon cot certainly won in this siye on his debut at Yarmouth, though the worth of the form is suspect with the highly touted third Royal Regists gesting besten 12 langths in a Goodwood maintern resid time. As taught as he is Level Kintyne may not cope with Bold Fact and Emisters Prupils also looks treathers after winning an evening—bolding race at Newcaste, but surfy-senson Windoor debut woner Carrowlesed is a likely improver for his fourth to Mijane on the Samo course less weekl.

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FIRSH QUIDE

TIPANIC cannot be opposed efter his smooth wins at Doncaster and Yarmouth. He toyed with the-trines winner Prince Foley at Yarmouth, and the Doncaster second Perfect Peach plaged frome at Thisk next time. Motecomb that Chieftails was a log top at Juggled attended, and it is heat to be sure about the worth of Islamabhad's wins at Bath and Chester. Yarmouth nursery winner Moontabeb has more to do here, but Bay Princes locked very sharp Yarmouth nursery winner Moontabeb has more to do here, but Bay Princes locked very sharp.

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BETTING: 6-1 Prince Dome, 7-1 Mary Magdelone, 15-2 Distinctive Drones, 8-1 Beans 10-1 Publis Nations, 13-1 Ver. Star., Shashady, Picclosho, 14-1 Bretzel Fantassy, Tree Denouthershadesump, Top Of The Fores, Jacyford Turnes, Satchetts 1990: Blue ios 9 7 P Robinson 11-1 (M Jervis) distant (7) 20 ren

ford Throat could set them all a task in his first-time blinkers, and Bal mayore terms could set ment as a less in his pro-unit binders, and parameter because looks nicely weighted with Olivier Pesher booked offer a confidence booster on the bridle at Newtoeste. The number one stall makes life tough for Prince Dome, who is both again; his own age after a fine fifth to Biessingindeguise at Ascot with Moon Strike Iturd) being the subsequent winner from the race. A Ascot winner in June, Prince Dome can, however, brother the form with Polish Warriar from the nation was reserved. The main factor, though, confirm the form wit is VAX STAR, who to Lago Di Varano twice ran well agai

MUSSELBURGE	3.30 AON/ROYAL & SUNALLIANCE NURSERY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 2YO 5F
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GOING: Good to Firm (Firm in places).

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Right-hand eval course with tight turns. Fast if course,
Course is 5m E of Edinburgh on Al. Bus link from Edinburgh
station fon ADMISSTONE Club 5.12; Tracestalla 56 (OAPs and unemployed 53). Accompanied under-16s free. CAR PARE: Free,
I LEADING TEAINERS WITH EUNINERS: J Berry 38 wherein
from 176 turners gives a success ratio of 21.0%; M Johnston 8
from 123 (16.4%); Mrs M Reveley 14 from 87 (16.1%); Mrs M
I LEADING JOCKERS: K Darley 41 wins from 183 tides gives
a success ratio of 21.2%; J Weaver 29 from 135 (21.5%); K Fallon 19 from 121 (18.7%), J Foctime 18 from 160 (12%).

B PAVOURITES. 167 wins in 389 races (42.8%).

BLINIERED FIRST TIME: None.

WINNEES IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: H Pelacipe (4.00) won
it. Hamilton on Wednesday.

LONG-DISTANCE EUNNEES: Stock Hill Descer (2.55) has been

at Ramitton on Wednesday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNYERS: Stock HIII Dencer (2.55) has been seen 373 miles by B Heelma from Upper Lamboura, Berke, Appyaho (4.30) sent 373 miles by M Chamuna from Upper Lamboura, Berke, Sedas, Albert (4.30) sent 373 miles by P Walvyn from Lamboura, Berke, 2.20 ABERLADY RATING RELATED MAIDEN 

ant. 20-1 Joury's Joker, 33-1 others

2.55 EDMONDS ADVERTISING MAIDEN HAND-ICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added filles Sf | ICAP (CLASS E) 14,025 added Filles 57
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| 4,0004 WHISPER LOW (13) R Holleshed 3 8 13 .... 2 Schools (2) 4
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HYPERION 5.40 Davis Rock 6.10 Catherine's Song 6.40 Su-

perbit 7.10 Debutante Days 7.40 Phylida 8.10

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GOING: Good (Good to Fran in piaces, watering).

STALLS: Inside. DEAW ADVANTAGE: None.

Right-hand, undulating course, with a straight mile.

Course is 2m SS of ety of A6. Leicester station (London, St. Paners: -Shefield have) 2m. ADMISSUR's One exciceure £9 (CAPs 55). Free racestrik. CAR FAEE: Free. Shver ling Car Park - 512 admins our said four occupants.

ILEADING TEARNESS: R Beamon 31 from 183 (18.9%); J Denlop 25-131 (19.1%); I Coeff 20 from 75 (24.7%); M Southe 17 from 64 (25.6%).

ILEADING JOCKEYS PAR Eddery 42 from 171 (CAPSO, L Destord 35 from 170 (20.6%), J Wester 18 from 85 (21.2%), T Quian 17 from 154 (11%).

Favourises: 160 was from 525 races (30.4%).

BLINEXED FRIST TIME: Prainte Ministrel (8.10).

WINNESS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATS: None.

LONG DESTANCE EUNNESS: Sompheet (8.40) and 156 miles by M Sannders Investigation, Somester.

5.40 TOM CREE LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F)

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6.10 MOLYNEUX SELLING STAKES (CLASS 6)

6.40 RADIO LECESTER HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,100 added 5

(13305 SONESHEE (13) 50 M Sacries 4 10 0 P P Marphy (3) 8 205200 SEAU MERCURE (5) (9) 8 Paling 9 9 12 \_\_\_\_ D Secries (3) 7

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Ľ		HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,000 2YO 5f
1		IMPERIAL HONEY (22) Mrs A Sweterk 97 E Johnson 4
2	311574	ORDEL GREEN ED P Bors 83 F Figure 1 V
3	601155	NESTY WIRELY (25) (0) J Berry 83
4	240450	MAKENET DON (27) (CD) W Kerry B B Michaley (7) B
5	060345	HATBURNER ES LI W Emerty 88
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-	in a win	to 7st 10th. True handisap veight: Chardwale 7st 5th.
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E	1.00	SCOTTISH BREWERS HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,025 added In 4f
1	20-200	SLEIGHEN TERRACE (74) (C) C Booth 4 10 0 A College 5
2		GET A LIFE (LS) J C'Relly 49 5
2		THEOMESFORMLICE (11) (C) J Gode 88 11 O Press 4
4	0-0512	L PRINCIPE (\$ John Berry 3 82 (6st JF Page 2
5		COMPCTS LEGISD (5) (0) 1 Pearss 7 7 10 2 handwell 1 5 declared ~

Affrican meight 7st 20th. True handlap velgre: Counte's Legend 7st Str. BETTRE: 11-8 9 Principe, 7-2 Washelm Termon, 4-1 Taleonomicalice, 9-2 Counter's Legend, 8-1 Get A Life 4.30 PINKE BAR MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES (CLASS F) £4,000 added 2YO Tf 30yds 0 TRENCK COMMERCIAN (27) J Barry 8 10 \_\_TE Darson (9) 2

ACABER (32) P Waleyn 8 8 \_\_\_\_\_\_ Delta Glauce 6 

5 00 INVERESK LIMITED STAKES (CLASS F)

l		£4,000 added 7f 30yds
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5	300002	DON'T WORKY HAVE (18) Flag 289
5		PEARLESS CAVALLER (21) (C) R Hollestend 2 89
		D &   This (2)
		- 8 deduvil-
	ETTING 154	Installative Air, 5-2 Winter Scoot, 100-30 Poether, 9-2 Fee

loss Caralter, 14-1 Keston Pound, 20-1 Don't Worry Miles

7.10 HCAP (CLASS D) £5,000 acted 1 m 3f 183yds fillies & mares

- 9 doctored -SETUNE: 100-30 Leolous, 7-2 Referês, 4-1 Steage, 9-2 Determine Days, 7-1 Noble Dane, 20-1 Nice, 12-1 Original, 54-1 Shoutin, 56-1 Cipernal Mone

1 600045 GOLDEN SADDLE (ISSA) 128 P Cate 9 7 M Roberts 7 2 000 SAMTS VER MAN (251) T Cerrert 8 3 R Cockman 5 4 LITTLE MISS LIES? (21) M Hostert 513 2 S Douver 2 3 -1.00 SUPERIOR LIE (27) BM M Hostert 519 2 S Douver 2 5 -0.0452 RIVER OF FORTUNE (1/6) M Rempters 8 0 R Mallion (5) 8 10 S RIVER OF FORTUNE (1/6) M Rempters 8 0 R Mallion (5) 8 10 S RIVER OF FORTUNE (1/6) M Rempters 8 0 R Mallion (5) 8 10 S RIVER OF FORTUNE (1/6) M Rempters 8 0 R Mallion (5) 8 10 S RIVER OF FORTUNE (1/6) M Rempters 8 0 R Mallion (5) 8 10 R RIVER OF FORTUNE (1/6) M REMPTER (1/6) R RIVER (1/6) R

8.10 RUTLAND HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,100 added 3YO 1m

2. 201-00 MARMAN LET & CORE & DELLOY & 10 Sed \_M Resears 8 2 201-00 MARMAN LET & CORE & CORE

7.40 CLAMING STAKES (CLASS F) 53,300 added 370 1m 2f

	GOINGS: GOOD to Firm.  ILCA-hand, level course. Run-in, which is on a separate chare is 800yd and the langest in the coursery.  Course is 15m from Kerodal on 85271. Succes from Grange-over Surds station 2m. ADMISSIQUE: Paddock & 10 (DAFS A5, under-16; fire); Course & 4 (DAFS A3). CAR PARK: Paddock 55, course free ILEADING TRAINERS: G Richards 7 from 27 (25.9%), G Monre 6 from 12 (50%); Mrs M Reveley 6 from 14 (42.9%); D Monres 5 from 23 (21.7%).  ILEADING JOCILETS P Rivers 10 from 25 (40%), A Debbir 10 from 25 (36.7%), Richard Genet 8 from 16 (50%), R Johnson 6 from 11 (54.5%).  Pavourities: 29 wins in 66 races (43.9%).  RLINKERERD FIRST TIME: Mone.  WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: None.  LONG-DISTANCE KUNNERS: Pallinghous Star (6.20) sent 338 miles by LWels from Wisborough Green, West, Sussex.
	5.20 AMATEUR CLAIMING HURDLE (CLASS F) 5.2,500 added 2m 1f 110yds  1 3500-P BURES (67) (CD) Mr J Brown 8 11 8 Mr A Rating (S) 6 2 2935-F BRANKUTH BURES (67) 6 Prescript 8 11 2 Mr S Hale S 3 4110-2 MANAGENAD (13) Mr V Wind 9 10 10 Mr T Browning (6) 6
	1 3500-P BURES (67) (CD) (At J Bown 8 11 8Att A Busines (5) 3 2 2963-F IMMARKETHIN ROMED (67) 6 Prisorbigh 8 11 2 (it is 1446 5) 3 4110-2 HAMARKETAD (33) Mrs V Wind 9 10 10MW is Thomston, 5 4 43-233 FIRSH LOW (150) (4) M Hammond 9 10 7 _Mt J Smithelm, (7 5 FEP- MORD (150) A Bulley 7 10 7Mm is Durack (7) 6 6 5- STONE CROSS (72) M Tomputer 5 10 7 _Mm is Pauboun (7) 7 0P130/ ON GOLDEN PORD (513) (9) M Macon 7 10 2 Mr E Busington (7) BETTINGS 5-4 High Low, 13-8 Hamadryad, 7-4 Registration Romes, 14-3
١	Bares, On Golden Pearl, 20-1, Mord, Stone Gross
	5.50 COLONY CANDLE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £3,500 added 2m 5f 110yde 1 47864 EMMYNORONG LIBERT (KD) (CD) 6 Registrate 812 0.4 Debtes
	2 60-223 AMPRELOT (16) P Bonen 10 11 12 R Determinedy 8 3 523FU JOHNS THE BOY (25) N Meson 11 10 7 R Queen 1 10
I	5 353-20 BW OF A DREAM (4) (20) (85) Mrs 5 Smith 7 10 0 6 F Name 5 19005 KARLOVAC (86) S Checkeck 11 10 0
	HYPERION 5.30 Zorro 6.00 D Boss 6.30 Secret Archive 7.00

con his debut at Yarmouth, though the worth the Royal Regits gesting beeten 12 lengths in the form with Pollide Mexicar (fourth) on 4lb worse terms. The main fancy, though, is VAX STAR, who best Compton Place at Sandown lest term and back to form when fourth is Lago Di Varanno at Newcastle before being bedy traven at Report Many Magdalene has been well against Always On My Mind, and this return to five furfores could be in her facult to be interested to a likely improver for his fourth to Selection: BOLD FACT  Selection: BOLD FACT  Selection: VAX STAR  Selection: VAX STAR		
	8 decisioni Minimum weight: 10st. Yese weights: Bt: Of A Depart Sot 10th, Kwhooc Bst 11th. RESTING: 12-8 Andrelot, 21-4 Johns The Buy, 3-1 Earlymonning Light, 8-1 Bit Of A Dragen, 10-1 Burdeaus Andreys, 33-1 Karthows	
HYPERION  5.20 Hamselryad 5.50 Andreiot 6.20 Bayerd 6.50 Bourdonner Z20 Fernwicks Brother Z50 Moule Miss  GOING: Good to Firm.  B. Led-hand, level course. Run-in, which is on a separate chuse, is 600yd and the longest in the country.  B. Coster is 15m from Kendel on B6271, Buses from Grange-over-Sards station 2m. ADMISSION: Paddock 510 (OAPs 55, under-16s free); Course 54 (OAPs 53), CAR PARIG: Paddock 55, course free.  B.E. B. Divide TRAINERS: G. Bitcharpis 7 from 27 (25.9%), G. M. Moore 6 from 12 (60%); REM Reveloy 6 from 14 (42.9%); D. Madistat 5 from 23 (21.7%).  B. LEADING JOCKETS F. Nives 10 from 25 (40%), A. Debbin 10 from 25 (36.7%), Richard Guore, 8 from 16 (60%), R. Johnson 6 from 11 (54.5%).  Pavourities: 29 wins in 66 races (43.9%).  BLINEERREP FIRST THIME None.  WINDERS IN TIGE LAST SEVEN DAYS. None.	6.20 BNFL ENGINEERING NOVICE CHASE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m 2f  1 +322 BAYERD RD J D'Shae 611 5 Michael Brennet (3) 2056 GREENFRICH (CAM (138) F Muragi 6 10 12 A Dobbie 2 2020) PALINGHM STAR (450) L Mass 7 30 12 Air A Thomson 4 46650 WHITE DUMOND (219) Mass L Resert 3 10 12 Debt (7) A doctored - 4 doctored - 4 doctored - 4 doctored - 5 BETTINE 49 Buyerd, 4-1 White Discoond, 7-1 Greenflock, 10-1 Pallingham Star COCLEY DEVELOPMENTS HANDICAP HURPHAM STAR (120 DLE (CLASS D) £3,000 added 2m 6f  1 3311-P COCORPUL AMERICAN (75) (D) (RF) Miss A Santark 7 12 0 J Supple (3) 2 115-63 CHEF MOUSE (F11) F Jordan 4 11 6 A P Microy F21-30 MAME OF OUR FRIENDR (80) P Bower 4 11 3 R Horrords (7) 4 F21-30 MAME OF OUR FRIENDR (80) P Bower 4 11 3 R Johnson - 4 doctored - 7	
LONG-DISTANCE KUNNTERS: PAILINGEMEN Star (6.20) sent 388 miles by LWells from Wisborough Green, West, Sosses.  5.20 AMATEUR CLAMMING HURDLE (CLASS F) £2,500 added 2m 1f 110yds  1. 3500-P. MURES (67) (CD) Mr. J. Brown 8 11 8MR. A. Busing (5) V 2363-F. MURES (67) (CD) Mr. J. Brown 18 11 8MR. A. Busing (5) V 2363-F. MURES (67) (Mr. V. West 9 10 10MR. It Tremston (5) 3 4110-2. MR. MURES (60) Mr. V. Viled 9 10 10MR. It Tremston (5) 6 FP19- MOND (200) A. Balley 7 10 7MR. S. Durnels (7) 7 DP130 ON COLLER PORD (613) 10 N. Muson 7 102 Mr. E. Behington (7)7 declared	RETING: 5-4 Boardonner, 15-8 Colourful Ambilion, 4-1 Chief Mouse, 13-2 Name of Our Finther  7.20 GEC MARRINE NOVICE HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 2m 1f 110yds  1 311-13 1010W-NO-NO RSD (RF) M Hammond 8 12 0 R Garriny 5 5-073 FERWICKS BROTHER (20) (D) MKS S South 7 10 4 R Guest 0 0-8106 CADDYS FRIST (11) 5 Metry 5 10 0 B Powell 4 00569- WILD BROOK (100) 8 Bloom 7 10 0 D Partner (3) 5 5787-3 MOVING FORCE (SF P Brown 10 10 0 R Johnson 5 doctored - Minimum weight 10x, from Particip weights: Cathy's First 95 123, W3d Brook 8x1 128, Maning Force 9x Bo. BETTINK: Event Vision-No-No, 3-1 Cathy's First, 4-1 Fermick's Brother, 6-1 Moving Force, 18 Wind Brook  7.50 VITAGRASS FARMS MAIDEN HURDLE (CLASS E) £3,000 added 3m 2f 000- BENINGERUFE (142) M Narronna 6 11 5 R Genthy 2 000- BENINGERUFE (142) M Narronna 6 11 5 R Genthy 3 42-492 MOWE MAN (12) Turner 5 11 5 R Supple 14 doctored -  BETTING: 15-8 Corporal Kistonoud, 9-4 Movie Man, 5-2 Second Contract, 4-1 Membedific	

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3 523FU JOHNS THE BOY (29) N Meson 11 10 7 R Quest 4 P3S2-5 HURBICANE ANDREW (75) J A Moore 9 10 4 A P McCov	4 P/5 SECOND CONTRACT (29) W Years 7 11 5 S McDougall ~ 4 declared ~
4 P352-5 HUMBICANE ANDREW (75) J A Modes 9 10 4 A P McCoy 5 361-20 BW OF A DIREMA (4) (70) (85) Nts 5 Strift 7 10 0 _ E Figure (5) 6 1P709- KARLOVAC (86) 5 Checheck 11 10 0 C McCommets (7)	DETRICE 25-8 Corporal Historopid, 9-4 Novie Mas, 5-2 Second Contract, 4-1 Reshardlife
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the second section of the second section of the second section of the second section s	S 0 GREEN JACKET (39) J Dunlop 9 0
HYPERION	7 MISTER BENDAMN 5 Woods 9 0
5.30 Zorro 6.00 D Boss 6.30 Secret Archive 7.00	8 NOWEASTERN P Cole 90 C Rotter 10
Mantles Star 7.30 King Kato 8.00 Stand Tell	8 00 REVER BEAT (19) M Tomptons 8 0
GOENG: Good (Good to Soft to places, penetrometer reading 5.8).	11 2 SECRET ARCHIVE (19) R Harmon 80Pat Eddary 8
STALLS: Straight - far side; rest - inside.	12 SENSORY 8 Hils 9 0 J D Smith (2) 6 13 6 TAVESMEN SOCIETY (10) R Admirrong 9 0 R Price 7
DEAW ADVANTAGE: High for 6f and 6f,  Right-hand course. Separate straight course for 5f and 6f races.	14 0 ZMCHE (37) M Havnes 9 0 \$ Whitewarts 9
Practically flat.	15 MDY XHORIT M Mende 8 9F Northy 15
Course is on ASOS at Symbory. Kempton Park railway station adjoins course. ADMISSION: Club & Tatternalls £10 (16 to 25-	16 0 EA LYONESSE (20) J Hills 8 9
year-olds \$8); Sever Ring \$5. Accompanied children under-18 free.	- 17 declared -
CAR PARE: Members 52; remelmer, free.  LEADING TRAINERS: E Haumon 37 from 275 (13.5%); M	BETTING: 5-2 Secret Archive, 6-1 Carlispers Monarcia, 7-1 Seasory, Nove- astern, 9-1 Gallessia, 12-1 Thyerner Society, Royal Ground, Canadian Puz- zier, 16-1 Indy Knight, La Lyonessa, Miss Differents, 20-1 others
Scoute 19-94 (20.2%), J Danies 14 from 127 (11%), P Cole	
18 from 102 (12,7%).  LEADING JOCKETS Pat Eddery 42 from 210 (20%), T Quinn	7.00 GURNESS STAKES (CLASS C) 560
30 from 229 (13.1%), J Resi 26 from 168 (15.5%), L Dettori	
20 from 139 (14.4%). Percenture: 117 wins in 398 races (29.4%)	1 ALBOOSTAN (22) (D) D Moriey 9 2 P Hills 6 2 21 MONORRY (USA) (15) (D) P Cole 9 2 India 3
BLINKERED FIRST TORE: None.	2 1 PMCELESS (33) WHages 92F Quel 7
WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Managh (8.00) sent 120 miles by	4 13 THE GLOW-WORM (99) (0) 8 Hills 8 2
P O Murphy from Poetbury, Avon.	8 512 MANTLES STAR (18) (D) 6 Lone 8 11
5.30 CARA APPRENTICE HANDICAP (CLASS E)	7 EAGLE'S CROSS (USA) R Charles 8
5.30 £4,025 added 3YO 1m 1f	METTRIC: T-4 Montany, 5-2 Manties Star, 7-1 Alboostan, 8-1 Wreldo Pl-
1 401012 INTERDREMI (12) (6F) R Harron 9 7	iot, 9-1 Priceless, 10-1 Eagle's Cross, 12-1 The Glow-Whom
2 32034 FEST CHANCE (87) 0 Specify 9 5 Finds (5) 2 3 050 STORMY STORY (USA) (16) 1 Gosten 9 3.P Fredericks (3) 7	7.30 EVENING STANDARD HANDICAP
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5 000654 .BNJB9RY (1534) (154) M Chamnon 8 8	1 130380 HOM EXPRESS (10) (D) I Bairing 5 100
7 02-300 CHALUZ (95) N Burke 7 12P Doe B	3 30466 ARRIC COURTER (15) (CO) O Congrove 8 9 7 1 Stack 6 4 551-00 FRUAL (44) (D) 8 Meeting 4 9 3 M Telebut 8
HETTING: 9-4 Stormy Story, 5-2 First Cheece, 3-1 Intergreens, 6-1 Zer-	5. 400601 44% MIN 010 00 W Mar 4 9 3
ro, 12-1 Summerville Weed, 14-1 Brabligay, 25-1 Chelez	B 31 RIDAMMA (66) (75) LOLITHIN 3 B 2 Pat Editory 1
6.00 EBF MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES	7 162 MINITERIAN (40) H Cast 3 8 12
(-2.20 4) 2.725 2.00 01	9 BI 122 ISLAND SINCTUARY (15) (6) P Makin 38 12 S Sandary 7
1 0 AFTER EIGHT (26) R Amstrong 80 R Price 14 2 ALGALES H Alexey 80 S Filed 4	10 10-334 TYPHOOM ESSHI (ZI) (D) R Armstong 5 8 11
2 36 DA BOSS (45) W Mar 8 0	12 4-2004 NORDANSK (28) (CD) M Madgwick 8 7 10
1 O AFCRE FERRING SER A Amstering 6 0	- 12 declared - Minimum weight: 7st 10th. Taxe handicap weights: Nordansk 7st 9th.
5 2 Pl MATTED (23) 8 Harbury 9 0	BETTING: 3-1 Ridelyses, 4-1 Myrtlebank, 7-1 Matadarra, 8-1 King Kato.
7 MONSTAR P Heris 80 A Clerk 12 8 5 MANTLES PRIDE (144 G Levis 80 A Wholes (3) 5	Typhoon Eight, Island Sanctuary, 10-1 Al's Albi, Arctic Out, 14-1 others
9 40 MEMORSAL (SIG) R Harrion 9 0 C Regter 11	8.00 (CLASS E) £4,025 added 7f
10 06 0H SO EASY (7) 8 Minerain 9 0	
11 00 PEDANE (15) Acrold 9 0	2 564524 DUELLO (13) (D) (8F) M Blanshard 6 9 12
13 POURH PLAT W Mur 9 0	3 313021 STUND TILL (10) (O) Lady Hernes 5 8 12Paul Eddery 14
14 0 PORTHRLY BUDY (25) M Haynes 9 0	5 111000 MANSAS (USA) (6) (D) P Mushiy 4 9 11 N Day 18
17 005 ROLDE DAMSE (16) J Hais 90	B 30-005 SIMPLE LOGIC (11) (5) A Foster 2 B 10
18 58 SADOLERS' ROE (55) 8 HBs 90 J D Swith (5) 6	7 3102 FABLEY GREEN (23) (P) H Cardy 3 9 8
19 6 SIEME STEEL (21) 8 L Moore 80 Candy Monte 7 20 00 TOM (30) Lord Hurtington 80 M Featon 10	9 4006-0 POLAR PROSPECT (LT) EDI 8 Harbury 4.95 G Ried 8
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24 50 TARA (21) 8 Medium 88 N Day 9	12 (1)6000 BAYN (USA) (11) (C) M USA: 884 R Street 8

#ETTRIC: 7-2 Dis Boss, 9-2 Saddierd | Dis Minister, 8-1 Herritor, Pride, Paid do Desse, Augelian, 10-1 Herritor, 17-1 District, 19-1 dotters | 10-1 Herritor, 17-1 dotters | 10-1 Herritor, 17-1 dotters | 10-1 Herritor, 18-1 Herritor, 18-1 dotters | 10-1 Herritor, 18-1 Herritor, 18-1 dotters | 10-1 Herritor, 18-1 Herritor, 18-1 dotters | 10-1 Herritor, 18-1 dotters

02 BALACLAVA (23) E DIVIDO 9 0. CANADAM PUZZLER (ISSA) P HATIS 9 0. CARBERAN MONADCH M STORE 9 0.









International brigade: (I to r) Philippe Saint-André, of France and Gloucester, Leicester's Fijian Waisale Serevi and the South African Fritz van Heerden; and Matthew Pini, of Richmond and Australia

# Potential net loss from worldwide web

atrist's chair. Two recurring torcoach last season and he must now be uncomfortably aware that far from evaporating in the heat of the sumits boots and trundles through the Heathrow and heading straight for dressing-room door on Saturday.

The most pressing hane of Rowell's life last term was the apparent determination of sundry Rughy Foot-ball Union types to insert a knife be-tween his shoulder blades and

### Richmond's cosmopolitan XV

- 1.5 Matthew PinI (Australia) 14 Jim Fallon (England)
- 13 Allan Bateman (Wales) 12 Steve Cottrell (New Zealand)
- 11 Jason Wright (New Zealand) 10 Adrian Davies (Wales)
- Augustin Pichot (Argentina)
- 1 Darren Crompton (England)
- 2 Barry Williams (Wales)
- 3 John Davies (Wales) 4 Craig Quinnell (Wales)
- 5 Richard West (England)
- 6 Ben Clarke (England)
- 8 Scott Quinnell (Wales) 7 Rolando Martin (Argentina)

ack Rowell has not, as far as any judging by the recent activities of Don one knows, been diagnosed as Rutherford, the RFU's technical suffering from acute paranoia, director, and Fran Cotton, vicebut he may soon feel obliged to seek chairman of Twickenham's mana little solace in the nearest psychiagement board, the stainless steel weaponry is being sharpened with rements afflicted England's put-upon newed vigour. But in public, at least, the coach was more concerned at what he considered the most insidious development in the domestic mer break, they will be back to haunt cluh game; namely, the tidal wave of him when the new campaign laces up foreign "mercenaries" landing at

England's rugby heartlands.

Not just overseas players, either, how about two-thirds of the Irish international side, half of the Scottish Five Nations line-up and a liberal sprinkling of dollar-chasing Welshmen into the hargain? If Rowell voiced his anxiety once last season, he voiced it a dozen times, effectively asking: "How in heaven's name can I pick an England side when we don't have any Englishmen playing topflight club rugby?"

A good question, getting better by the day. No matter how many points the spectacularly accom- Zealander, two Argentinians and a

Bath, the most successful club in Eng-

lish rugby history, have sensibly de-

cided to give the prediction husiness

a wide berth after publicly promis-

ing themselves an unprecedented tre-

ble last season and then failing to

land a single trophy, writes Chris Hewett, Unfortunately, the one fore-

cast they were prepared to make this time around - that they would be the

Chris Hewett considers the England coach's problems after the influx of foreign players for the coming season, which starts on Saturday

plished All Blacks score when they arrive in these islands in November, the most staggering statistic of the coming nine months is likely to show that on any given weekend, between 45 and 50 per cent of those taking the field for Allied Dunbar Premiership One matches will be non-English. Rugby is not merely mirroring the trend set in motion by football, but taking it into another dimension altogether.

On average, the 12 top-flight clubs will probably field seven imports, although as far as the England for the English brigade is concerned, some are far more culpable than others. Newly promoted Rich-mond will be the Little Englanders' No 1 bogey club, for now that Matthew Pini. Jason Wright, Augustin Pichot, Rolando Martin, Barry Williams and John Davies - for the record, an Australian, a New

guidance of the unforgiving New Zealander Jim Blair - has already

The West Countrymen will start

their Allied Dunbar Premiership

campaign against newly promoted Newcastle on Saturday without half

their of first-choice line-up. The

England backs Jon Sleightholme,

Adedayo Adehayo and Jeremy Gus-

hackfired with a vengeance.

couple of Welshmen - have joined an already cosmopolitan Athletic Ground squad, it is perfectly possi-ble that only four home-grown products will find a regular place in the shop window.

· Leicester, who spent the first half of last season fielding 15 Englishmen and winning plaudits for their stance from those of protectionist persuasion, have now learned the words to "The Internationale" and headhunted two Fijians and a second Springbok to keep Joel Stransky company. Gloucester, of all people, could well field a threequarter line consisting of the French Saint-André brothers, Richie Tombs, of Australia, and Terry Fanolus, from Western Samoa - something that really will take some believing among the tough nuts of Matson and Coney Hill, who regard the Forest of Dean as the .

Bath prediction backfires as injury toll rises

tain Andy Nicol and three interna-

tional forwards - John Mallett, Fed-

erico Mendez and Dan Lyle - are all

injured and the dressing-room cyn-

ics have now altered their original

prognostication to suggest that Blair will indeed get the players fitter than

ever before, provided, of course, they recover a sufficient degree of fitness

to start training.
Bath will field two rookie wings

suggests that Wasps, the reigning champions, and Sale will field more Englishmen than most, although the Londoners have netted Mark Weedon, from New Zealand, and Trevor Leota, from Western Samoa, during the recess, while the Cheshire club have pulled in Shane Howarth. a former All Black full-back, plus a hrace of Welsh scrum-halves.

Far from expressing alarm at club rugby's worldwide draft fixation, the hright-eyed and husinesslike Premiership administrators from the English Rugby Partnership talk breathlessly of burns on seats and bigger, better bank balances. They beieve, openly and unashamedly, that the selling of their 'product' to a new generation of spectators must take precedence over the sensibilities of the traditional "never mind the ball, get on with the game" rank and file. 10th planet of the solar system.

And by and large, the players are mond we have an enormous mini huying into that philosophy. "Yes, we rugby section - 90 players at under-

against Roh Andrew's outfit. Michael

Wood, an England Under-21 cap

signed on a month's loan from West

Hartlepool, plays on the right flank

with the second debutant, the Irish

trialist Brian Roche, on the left. An-

other former West Hartlepool play-

er, the back-rower Russell Earnshaw,

makes his first league appearance at

Away from the glitzy high life of

The Rec on the open side.

have a responsibility to the English national side – a side I've been fortunate enough to be a part of in the past and very much want to be involved with in the future," said Ben Clarke, the Richmond captain, who will spend the foreseeable future speaking in tongues to a colourful menagerie of Wallahies. Pumas and Dragons. "It's a difficult issue, but on balance I think the overseas players and those from other parts of the British Isles have brought a higher standard to the English leagues. That expertise, of course, helps youngsters working their way up

through the grades. "Personally speaking, I have no problem with captaining a side drawn from so many different points of the compass. We're all working towards a common goal, all want to achieve something as a side and for the club. Where I do have a problem is with clubs who show no interest in developing their own talent hut merely feed off others. At Rich-

the Premiership, the building group Jewson yesterday announced a sev-

en-figure investment in the Rugby

Foothall Union's regionalised

National Leagues, known last season

as Courage leagues three and four.

The three-year deal gives England's

higger amateur clubs a valuable

financial lifeline and also provides

funds for grass-roots rugby and

training for referees.

seven level, for instance - and we're huilding a development side. In the end, that work will be as crucial in helping us thrive in the top flight as any outside purchases we may

Sound sentiments from a sound rugby man, but whether Clarke can persuade his old mentor, Jack Rowell, of the lasting benefits of a melting pot Premiership is open to debate. Wheo an England coach goes looking for a new outside-half or hooker and finds eight of the I2 on view hail from the high veldt or the pampas rather than Ealing Broadway or the Somerset levels, global village virtues tend to lose their lustre.

### Overseas XV 15 W Serevi (Leicester/Fiji)

Premiership

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### Horton resigns at **Derbyshire**

Cricket

Derbyshire were vesterday plunged into a fresh crisis when their chairman, Mike Horton,

It is the latest twist in a saga which began back in June when the former Australian Test player Dean Jones quit as captain and overseas professional. Speculation about Horton's

position at the club he saved from financial ruin in 1993 increased when, after returning from a husiness trip abroad, he stayed away from the Championship match against Lancashire at Derby on Saturday. He announced his resignation

through a letter to the Derbyshire members in which he was critical of the committee and suggested a restructuring of the club.

Horton's proposals include turning Derbyshire into a limited company and replacing the committee structure with an elected management board. "I have found it increasingly

frustrating that my efforts in all of these directions have been consistently undermined by certain members of the committee, especially during my absences from the club," Horton said.

"The peripheral issues that occur during the season, especially recently, give an oppor-tunity for individuals to hide their fundamental motives."

Vic Brownett, the vice-chairman who has been in charge during Horton's absence, will now take over until a new chairman is appointed. "This is a sad way to go." Brownett admitted. Mike has done a tremendous job for Derbyshire and I have learned a lot from him."

### Palmer powers to gold medal

**Swimming** JAMES PARRACK

reports from Seville

With an awe-inspiring demoli-tion of his rivals, Paul Palmer won Britain's first gold medal at the European Championships here vesterday.

Content to wait until the last length of the 200 metres freestyle, Palmer then powered his way to victory in a time of lmin 48.85sec, just one-hundredth of a second outside his own British record.

The victory was a surprise to everyone but himself. "I never really envisaged anyone beating me," he said. "I knew that if I was up there at 100 metres they were not going to get away. I felt in control and confident of gold."

Palmer took a long break from swimming after winning an Olympic silver medal in Atlanta last year, disillusioned by the lack of support he was receiv-

FA Carling Premiership

1. Blackburn v Liverpool

4 Leeds v Crystal Palace

6 Newcastle v Aston Villa ..

7 Southampton v Argenal

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5 Leicester v Manchester United

9 Wimbledon v Sheffield Wednesday .. 1

Playing Sunday: Barnsley v Cheisen.

Nationwide Football

10 Birmingham v Reading...

13 Middlesbrough v Stoke...

16 Port Vale v Sunderland...

19 Swindon v Huddersfield .

Playing Friday: Menchester City v Transpere Rovers, Playing Sunday: West Bromwich y Wokes.

15 Oxford v Nottingham Forest

11 Bradford v Ipswich ...

12 Bury v Charlton ...

14 Norwich v Crewe ..

17 QPR v Stockport 18 Shaffield United v Portsmouth

League First Division

2 Coventry v Bolton

ing. But a move with his coach. Ian Turner to the élite training village at the University of Bath in January provided the ideal training environment to refocus on winning gold here. Having won an event traditionally used as a warm-up for his favoured

fittest side in the country under the cott, the Scottish scrum-half and cap-

400m, Palmer will be the hot favourite to win a second gold in the longer distance on Friday. Palmer was nearly joined on the podium by Edinburgh's Jamie Salter, who was denied a bronze by just one hundredth of a second.

He was the second Briton tomiss a medal by a narrow margin, after Susan Rolph in the women's 100m freestyle. Later, the women's 4 x 200m relay team had to settle for fifth place, but at least they had the consolation of a British record in 8min 9.44sec.

Michelle Smith, the triple Olympic gold medallist who is now swimming under her married name of De Bruin, won her

Second Division

20 Blacipool v Wycombe

22 Chacterfield y Preston

23 Fulham v Luton ...

26 Millwall v York ....

24 Gillingham v Walsall .

25 Grimsby v Wresham ..

27 Northampton v Bristol City

28 Oldham v Bournemouth

29 Southend v Burnley.

30 Watterd v Brentford

31 Wigan v Plymouth .

Third Division

32 Chester v Cambridge

33 Exercity Darlington .

36 Mansfield v Cardiff.

34 Leyton Onent v Rochdele ..

35 Macclesfield v Doncaster

37 Notes County v Lincoln .

39 Rotherham v Hardepool .

Also playing (not on coupons): Shrews-bury v Torquay Utd. Swansea City v Scun-thorpe. Playing Priday: Colchester v Barnet, Scarborough v Enghton.

38 Peterborough v Hull ...

POOLS FORECAST

dividual medley. In typical style, the Irish-woman surged into a two-second lead after the 100m butterfly leg, was caught after the breaststroke at 300m but cut her challengers adrift in the finai 100m freestyle.

The 15-year-old Ukrainian European junior champion Yana Klochkova was the nearest of them at 300m mark, as De Bruin had anticipated. "I thought she would be there and I had to work hard down the breaststroke then I had two choices - either let it go or put my head down and fight for it. She wanted to beat the Olympic champion and I wasn't going to let her," De Bruin said.

Getting way from her competitors proved easy compared with escaping the scrum who fol-lowed her to her press conference, where the drug allegations that have been made against her

Bell's Scottish League

**Premier Division** 

43 Rangers v Dundee United.

**First Division** 

47 Dundee v St Mirren ....

49 Strling Albion v Morton ...

Also playing (not an coupons): Second Division: Clydebank v Clyde, Forfar v Brechin, Inverness CT v East Fife, Stenhousemur v Livingston, Stranvaer v Queen of the South, Third Division: Benvick v Dumberton, Cowdenbeath v Ross Count, East String v Aloe, Montrose v Artrosth, Queen's Park v Albon Rovers.

Four draws: Blackburn v Liverpool.

Four draws: Blackburn v Liverpool Sheffield United v Porsmouth, Hibernia v Klimarnock, Hamilton v Reith,

Five aways: Menchester United, Arsene Nottingham Forest, Burnley, Morton.

Ten homes: Leeds, Newcastle, Birming-ham, Queen's Park Rangers, Putham, Wat-ford, Leyton Orienz, Rangers, Ayr, Dundee.

46 Ayr v Partick ...

first gold of a possible six this since her Atlanta success con-week in the final of the 400m intinued to side-step the issue.

Klochkova hung on to finish an impressive second, but Britain unveiled their own promising 15-year-old medley swimmer in Portsmouth's Samantha Nesbit. The youngest member of the British squad here, she showed no sign of nerves at her first senior international competition. At-tacking her 400m from the start, she swam a personal best time of 4:51.25 in the consolatioo final and looks likely to threaten Sharron Davies' 17year-old record, set at the Moscow Olympics when she

won the silver medal, in 4:46.83. What De Bruin could do single-handedly lead the most successful Irish team ever, the British will need a full team effort to do the same. Hopes for more medals tomorrow lie with the two hutterfly specialists James Hickman and Stephen



Palmer: Late burst of speed

Parry, Karen Pickering in the 200m freestyle and Britain's best chance for a second gold, the men's 4 x 200 freestylc team. Palmer has already taken a step towards history with the first ever medal for Britain in the 200 m freestyle and his performance will lift the others through the week.

It is now possible that the British team will surpass the three gold medals last won in 1987 in Strasbourg.

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### First Six takes shape

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY

Mary King and William Fox-Pitt were automatic choices for the First Six in the British squad that contests next month's European Open Three-Day Event Championships at the Burghley Horse Trials in Lincolnshire.

King on Star Appeal, last year's Burghley winner, and Fox-Pitt on Cosmopolitan II had already reserved their places when finishing second and third at Badminton in May. Barring accidents, they are bound to be among the four British team members to be named after the first horse

inspection on 10 September. The team will be chosen from the First Six on the squad, which was announced yesterday. It also includes Ian Stark, who has represented Britain in the last four Olympic Games, Kristina Gifford, Anne-Marie Evans

and Christopher Bartle. Bartle is dressage trainer for

the three-day event team and has not yet ridden for a championship three-day event team, but now has his chance with the nine-year-old Word Perfect II on whom he won the final trial

at Thirlestane Castle on Sunday. Gifford, a member of the winning team at the last European and World Championships, received a late call after some impressive performances in the summer with General Jock

fifth at Burghley last year.

Anne-Marie Evans, fifth in the 1986 World Championships, completes the First Six from which the two left out of the team will compete as individuals. The Second Six, chosen to fill the extra places available to the host country, will also be

the host country, will also be individual competitors.

BRITISH SENIOR SQUAD FOR EUROPEAN OPEN THREE-DAY EVENT CHAMPIONSHIPS (at Burghley Pedigree Claim Horse Triets, Lincs, 11-14 September): First Str. C. Bartie (Word Perfect ft). AM Beans (Duad Trees). W Fox-Pitt (Cosmopolian II). K Gattor Gerral Jock, M Fay, Str. Appeal). I Stark (Fraint-Second Sic D Dick (Hendry Brazo). P Fundel (Bus and Pieces). C Humable (Mr Bootse). G Pasonrage (Mag Fox). P Finite (Coal Cove). E Watson (Les of the Incas). Reserves: LP Sheffield (Wiculen Bay), J Yeo (Bally Free).

### **Phil Appleyard** dies aged 74

Hockey

Phil Appleyard OBE, one of the game's key figures, died on Saturday in hospital near his home in Somerset. He was 74.

His period as chairman of the 1986 World Cup organising committee and his presidency of the Hockey Association from 1985-1995 were distinguished by. his great commercial and

In 1988 he introduced the National League. He also began the long road to merging with the Women's Hockey Association and helped establish the National Stadium at Milton

### RACING RESULTS

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# Divided Germany still a force to be reckoned with

GLENN MOORE reports from Belfast

Germany's oational team is said to be in crisis. It is too old, racked by injury and riven with dissension. The captain, Jürgen Klinsmann, is past it, while even the coach, Berti Vogts, has

turned oo his team. So the theory goes, but it rather ignores the fact that Germany are the current European champions at international and cluh level and are favourites to qualify for the World Cup from Group Nine. sis like that while Bryan Hamil-ton, whose Northern Ireland team play Germany at Windsor Park tonight, can only dream of

such a predicament. Not that the crisis line is eotirely without evidence. The team is ageing; the 33-year-old Klinsmann has gone more than 10 hours since his last international goal; Fredi Bobic has publicly criticised his team-mates Klinsmann and Oliver Bierhoff: Matthias Sammer has not been replaced; and, most damning of all, Vogts wrote to all his players in the summer expressing "total dissatisfaction" at their World Cup performances

ready considering using it before

could yet struggle to ensure au-tomatic qualification.

Since Germany bave oot beaten Northern Ireland in five matches and 20 years that must be a possibility but confidence, not tension, was in the air as the team prepared yesterday. A gentle training session at Blanchflower Park, during which Klinsmann's finishing was electric, was followed by a relaxed afternoon in the team a botel a few miles from Belfast. It is the same base they used to prepare for Euro 96 and they are so comfortable they are al-

what we have been doing in training, I will be very conte Vogts said. The problem is that everyone thinks qualification can be taken for granted. We must guard against that. The

time has come to end this tra-ditioo of oot heating Ireland." Vogts' only problem appeared to be a freak training injury to Thomas Strunz in an accideot with Bierhoff. The Bayern Munich player is earmarked to play as the midfield anchor as Dieter Eilts has heeo dropped. As he was many pundits' player of the tournament in Euro 96, Eilts' absence im-

Herrlich cannot find a place in the squad either.

Vogts is aware of the danger of allowing his champioo team to grow old and, having already drafted in Jorg Heinrich, Dortmund's brilliant youog wing-back, and Darius Wosz, Vil. Bochum's late-developing midfielder, he bas called up Lars Ricken. The destroyer of Manchester United and Juventus in the European Cup is regarded as Germany's most promising talent and Vogts added: "His call-up is a signal that the door is always open for high calibre

Not that the old guard are ready to move over. "Perfor- the bulk of Germany's squad

mance and quality are more important than age," said Klins-mann, who wins his 99th cap tonight. "Wheo the pressure is on, the young players oeed the experience of the old ones."

Klinsmann played down Bobic's criticism, but Christian Ziege was more forthoming on Vogts' letter. "He was very disappointed with us and wanted players to think about bow much they dedicate themselve to the national side. He fulfilled that objective," said the wing-back who recently joined Milan.

Vogts will certainly be disappointed if Germany lose tonight. Such is the imbalance,

will feature in this year's Cham-pions' League, while most of Northern Ireland's are in the Nationwide League or Premiership reserve sides.

One of the latter is Manchester United's Philip Mulryne, yet to play in his club a first team, who may win his fourth cap in place of the suspended Iain Dowie. Artack, however, is a minor concern. With Tommy Wright ~ who defied the Germans in the 1-1 draw in Nuremberg last year - and Alan Fettis injured, Hamilton must choose between Roy Carroll and Aidan Davisoo between the posts.
Carroll is 19, plays for Wigan
and won his only cap playing the

second half against Thailand in the summer. That day he replaced Davison, who was win-ning his second cap. He is at Grimsby and is still seeking his 100th League game after a

decade as a professional. Whoever plays, tonight will be the higgest night of their career. It is a chance to go down in Irish foothall history - or in-

ASSEMBLY SELLAND (protable treats (World Cap positive v Corestopy, Bedfact, testigatic Carroll (Wigerl; Hill (18 Contentury), Taggint (Botton), Morrow Queen's Park Insight, Gallagion (Sochart-castle), Lennon (Lenzestit, Beginton (Sochart-ton), Hegies (West Hart), Hericott (Marchetter Chyl) Quien (Blackgoo), Malyne 61, Instruction (Iral Cappelland versions and Mallagion (Sochart-Cappelland versions and Mallagion (Sochart-Cappelland Versions)

### Glenn Hoddle would like a cri-so far. A loss tooight and they derlines Germany's strength -No mystery why Taggart can master Klinsmann

years ago which showed a footballer, head in hands. The gist of the words (with apologies to the author) were: You're in the team, your pareots have come to watch... and

you've just learnt you're marking Rvan Giggs." Gerry Taggart could ideotify with the disconsolate defender. When he returned to the Northern Ireland team the opponents could have been World Cup cannon fodder, San Mariman he was marking might have been inexperienced, carrying an injury or past it. In his dreams. The striker he had to

Germany in Nuremberg is no A big man, he one's idea of an ideal comeback would comand even the oormally imperturbable Taggart was edgy. "I a bouncers' hadn't played for a year," he convention hut, said, "and what a game to come back to. You have to try and a bit corve-racking to tell the truth. I had a few butterflies that

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Which suggests Taggart, who will meet the Germans again in Belfast tonight, should get nervous every match, because he was the cornerstone around which Northern Ireland built a obduracy that they slipped away with a 1-1 draw. To complete a happy night for the Boltoo central defender he got his sixth goal for his coun-

"It was like the Alamo." Tag-gart said of a famous Irish night. "The second half was unbelievable. They were hitting the har, the post, Tommy Wright was making magnificeot saves. We were clearing off the line.

Guy Hodgson talks to the burly Northern Ireland defender who has one of the most demanding jobs in football

all sorts. The whole team played

that well that night." The goal? "Just a stroke of luck," he said, smiling at the memory. "It fell right for me; it

was there to be smacked." Taggart, 26, was talking between tackling a doorstep of no or Monaco, for example, The a sandwich at Bolton's training ground near Chorley. "I made it as hig as I could," the woman serving him said, past experieoce teaching ber that he has subdue was Jürgen Klinsmann. the appetite to match his size. many.

> mand respect at while it would have heen a a loog time to from his own supporters.

A£1.5m signing from Barnsseason injury and suspension restricted him to 12 appearances as Bolton plummeted out of the Premiership. At the same time his international career came to a halt after a lacklustre performance against Latvia.

"It was so frustrating," he said. "I wanted to make an impression and I was trying too hard. It worked against me. I had so many injury problems

in tonight's World Cup qualifier and there was nothing I could

do about it hut wait to get fit."

Bryan Hamiltoo, Cue an awe-

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The Bolton, who bad not been good eoough for the Premiership, were far too good for the First Division, however, and they and Taggart enjoyed a renaissance. Strong as an ox, he played more than 50 times, winning over the fans and the Northern Ireland manager,

'For some reason Northern Ireland seem to the big boys'

going to go to next. "Some strikers are fairly staley two years ago, his career at tic, preferring to hold the ball Burnden Park virtually mirrored up, but he's going here and his new employers'. In his first there all the time. He makes space for others running through as well as for himself for the long diagonal ball over the top. A very clever player. You have to treat him like you would any ceotre-forward, basically get stuck into him."

The last sentence was accompanied by a chuckle, registering that his rugged style is not always appreciated by oppo-oents oo and off the field. Tag-

gart's role model is Steve Bruce, another tough player who he de-scribes as not blessed with lightening pace. "But what a reader of the game," he added with an air of wonder. "He more than made up for any deficiencies with his anticipation."

A player who is more than the sum of his parts in fact, which is similar to how Taggart regards the Germans. "They are not the most skilful side in the world but they have this system which they use so well and they work so hard at it. They just grind people down. They are like a machine. It keeps ticking

Whether Ireland can throw a spanner in the vorsprung durch technik for a second time is debatable, although Taggart is optimistic. "Our problem is that we've too many young players. I'm 26, I've got 43 caps but apart from Jim Magilton, lain Dowie and Michael Hughes, the rest are relatively inexperienced. It's good thing in many respects, but in a sense this World Cup has got come a bit too early. If the young players develop we could

"In our group there's the Ukraine, Portugal and Germany up at the top; qualification from it is not over by any stretch of the imagination. They oeed a result: it's a bigger game for them than us. And for some reason Northern Ireland seem to do better against the big

They do not come much bigger than Germany, nor Taggart come to think of it. Someooe large, either by reputation or bulk, will have their head in their hands tonight.



Big fella: Gerry Taggart prepares for a testing evening tonight Photograph: Empics buying out Rivaldo's cootract.

### Coultard scores **England**

aGillian Coultard will win her 100th cap for England when the international women's team takes on Scotland in a friendly at Livingston on Saturday. Coultard is the women's

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game's longest-serving player and enters the history books alongside the four England men who have reached 100 caps: Bobby Moore, Sir Bobby Charlton, Peter Shilton and Billy Wright. Charlton said: "Gill will be a very proud lady when she earns her 100th cap. There are very few of us that have reached such a pinnacle in our career and I congratulate her on this achievement."

Coultard made her debut against the Republic of Ireland in May 1981 aged 18 as England won 3-1. She scored the first women's international goal at Wembley, and played io all England's games at the 1995 Women's World Cup, when England reached the quarter-finals. The central midfielder has scored 25 goals for her country and has gained many honours for her club, Doncaster Belles.

Deportivo La Coruña have told Barcelona to pay money they claim is still owed for last week's transfer of the Brazilian striker Rivaldo, who has been bought to replace Ronaldo. Barcelona, who were also interested in signing Liverpool's Steve McManaman for £12m. instead bought out Rivaldo's contract last week.

"The Rivaldo affair is not closed," said the Deportivo presideot, Augusto Cesar Lendoiro, who claimed Barca still had to transfer the £16m they are supposed to pay for

### McCarthy needs goals

qualifying campaign, the Republic of Ireland had boped to be engaged in a two-way fight with Romania for the top spot in Group Eight. Instead, Mick McCarthy's side find themselves in third place - three points behind Macedonia, eight adrift of Romania, and ahead of Lithuania, whom they play tonight in a crucial game in Dublin, only on goal difference

McCarthy expects the Lithuanians to erect a stern defen-

By this stage of the World Cup sive barrier and aim to earn a Liechtenstein. A problem for qualifying campaign, the Repoint and a psychological edge McCarthy is that he has nine for the return game in Vilnius on 10 September. The manager knows he he must send out an attacking team, and he is likely to choose Tony Cascarino, who scored twice as a substitute against Liechtenstein in the Republic's last game, ahead of Niall Quinn as the target man.

can do about it."

One man certain of his place David Connolly, now with Feyenoord, who hit the other three goals in the 5-0 win over

and should have lost a couple

of points. That hurts more than

going low and hitting someone

prove the hardest test of Lewis'a

ability, as his two fights with

Bowe illustrate. Should he win,

Lewis could then face the

World Boxing Association

champion, Evander Holyfield.

Golota, a solid hitter, should

in the protective cup.

the way to victory.

players who are one yellow card away from a suspension. "I can't afford to worry about that," be said. "There'a no way I can ask them not to tackle for the ball and, if we get bookings that way, there is oothing you

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### **Dumitrescu returns**

Romania have called up the former Tottenham and West Ham midfielder, Ilie Dumitrescu, for tonight's World Cup qualifier against Macedonia in Bucharest as they seek the victory that will all but guarantee a place in next year's finals in France.

Romania have the most impressive record in all nine qualifying groups to date, with a 100 per ceot tally of 18 points from six games in Group Eight, scoring 20 goals and conceding none. Dumitrescu, now playing for the Mexican chub Atlante,

has not featured since last October's game in Iceland. The 28year-old was one of Romania's top players in the 1994 World Cup finals but lost form after his move to England.

Norway's coach, Egil Olsen, has recalled the experienced pair of Gunnar Halle and Jostein Flo. the former Sheffield United striker, for tonight's Group Three qualifier against Finland in Helsinki. Halle, of Leeds United, is one six Premiership players in the Norwegian starting line-up.

### Nathan Blake has heeo recalled from the international

wilderness to lead the Welsh attack against Turkey today.

The Bolton striker, who has oever played at World Cup level, was involved in a row with Bobby Gould, the manager of Wales, last seasoo over alleged racist remarks made by Gould. Now, though, he is back in the fold and has been rewarded with his big chance against Turkey in the Group Seven game at Galatasaray's ground in Istanbul.

Blake at one stage vowed never to play for Gould again and the Football Association of Wales held a meeting to discuss their manager's position after the embarrassing affair. Gould apologised, Blake relented and.

Blake back in business

after being unavailable through injury for the friendly against Scotland in May, the big striker was named for the trip to

Blake will partner Deao Saunders - back at the stadium where he was a hig favourite

the current Glasgow coach, Kevin Greene, Backham will be joined today by fellow Cook Islander Tommy Hayes, a 23-year-old Waikato stand-off.

Swimming

with the local fans a couple of years ago. Mark Hughes will be used in a midfield role to accommodate both strikers, while Ryan Giggs will play on the left as a wing-back. Wimbledon's Ceri Hughes and Leicester's Robbie Savage both make their World Cup debuts.

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### **Duva's low blow to Lewis**

Low blows, the trademark of the Pole Andrew Golota, where meted out by his trainer, Lou Duva, yesterday in the direction of Lennox Lewis's reputation. "Lennox is no angel," said the veteran Duva, who is preparing

Golota for his challenge against the British World Boxing Council heavyweight champion at the Atlantic City Conventioo Center on 4 October. "Lewis can be as dirty as Golota used to be."

Golota was involved in two nfamous fights with Riddick Bowe in which he was twice disBaseball

AMERICAN LEAGUE Cleveland 5 Toronto 3; Mi-worker 8 Texas 5; Texas 2 Milwardee 0 (sec-and game); Baltanore 2 Anthon 1; Chicago White Sox 5 Seattle 0, NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pushungh 7 Florida 2. qualified for low blows while on Raskethall

London Towers have re-signed the nu-cleus of the squad who helped the club win the Budweiser League Championship final and the 7-Up Trophy last season. England centre Neville Austin, Danny Lewis and Karl Brown have all agreed Duva added: "Lennox has got away with it in the past. As world champion you can. He kept hitting Henry Akinwande behind the head in his last fight

Football

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GROUP THREE Ficiend v Horway (6.4) —

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Essex have released the former Hamp-strine seamer Stave Andrew after sev-en seasons at the club. The county are siso letting go Giles Goodwin and Wayne Ritzama, neither of whom have made a first-class appearance. AON assix TROPHY Semi-finel (Bristot): Not-ting transitive 244 for 9 (6 E Welson 63), Glouce-tersitive 245 for 7. Gloucestersitive win by 3 wisfeets.

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Chichester v Pagharri, Heasocks v Rev v Asundel (7.15); Sahdean v Halish

Gavin Featherstone, the England Under-21 coach, has announced his squad for the Women's Junior World Cup in Seoul from 2-13 September. Five from his own club, Olton, are included but

his own club, Otton, are included but there is no place for 19-year-old Kirsty Bowden, who played a major role in England's seniors qualifying in Harare for next year's World Cup, England (Junior World Cup, Seoul, 2-13 September): J Simon, N Mooter, R Welter, 3 Wright, L Weight (at Chon), N Westor, L Wooding, L Hurster (all Chemister), K Roberts (Blueherts), P Miller, L Turney (both Lebester), F Greenham Coughborough Students, espoi, I Palmer (Coleall), C Gibert, K Weich (both Highown), M Cerelow (Carterbury).

Glasgow's squad for the Heineken Eu-ropean Cup has been strengthened by the arrival of Cook Islands prop Michael Beckham. The 17st 11th forward played in the World Cup quelifying games for the Pecific Island territory last year and has represented New Zaeland province Walkato, who used to be coached by

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\* THE INDEPENDENT



### May fed up with Italian lot more British style of athletics. **Athletics**

Fiona May, the British-born long jumper, has precipitated a row with her bosses at the Italian athletics federation over training - four years after leaving this country in disgust at the lack of facilities and help. May, an Olympic silver medal-

list who is originally from Slough

but took Italian nationality after moving there in 1993, revealed vesterday that she was fed up with the federation's training centre. at Formia and would quit it. Instead, May wants to be coached by her husband, the top Italian pole vaulter Gianni Iapichioo, and to return to a less pressured and wanted to do."

British habits and picked up the bad Italian ones," she said. "Here in Italy, everything is either overdramatised or over-trivialised. "It's not that I mind being famous, I just want to be able

to eojoy life and to have fun while I'm training." The federation president, Gianni Gola, said: "We've given her everything she asked us for. Now, if she wants to change we're willing, once again, to listen to her and give her what she

"But she can't hold us up to ridicule like this, without having told us beforehand what she

"I think I've lost the good

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TODAY S FIXTURES

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SCHILS: FMBA Netional Co.

Rugby League Dity(S)CHAL PREMIERSHIP West Yorkshire Pool Hurslet v Braminy (7,30).

ELITE LEAGUE: King's Lynn v Eastbourne (7.45); Poole v Wolvernempton. MER LEAGUE: Hull v Newport: Long Exton

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# City open to £7m offers for Kinkladze

ALAN NIXON

Manchester City are preparing to sell their coveted Georgian midfielder Georgi Kinkladze and are open to offers of £7m. Kinkladze's future at Maine Road has been put into doubt by his poor form in City's dis-

appointing start to the season of two defeats and a draw. Liverpool were linked with a move for Kinkladze yesterday after the manager, Roy Evans,

watched him in action last week. Kinkladze has an unwritten agreement with the chairman. Francis Lee, that he will be sold if City receive a bid of £7m.

Nottingham Forest are pricing striker Dean Saunders out of a move to Everton by asking for £1m. Howard Kendall, the Everton manager, is willing to pay around £600,000 for the 33year-old Welshman.

Blackburn Rovers are giving the Norwegian centre-back Tore Pedersen the chance to fill Henning Berg's boots. The for-

mer Oldham player has joined Blackburn for training with a view to a £700,000 transfer from the Hamburg side St Pauli following Berg's recent transfer to Manchester United.

Tony Dorigo will tomorrow leave Leeds to join Graeme Souness at Torino. The former England international's free transfer to the Serie B club has been put on hold for 24 hours because of a national holiday. But the Australian-born 31year-old has agreed personal terms with Souness.

Dorigo's erstwhile teammate, Tony Yeboah, looks set to reject a move to Newell's Old Boys of Argentina for family reasons. Yeboah's agent, Hay-den Evans, said: "Tony has to give a decision today, but I don't think he would want to take his family out to South America."

Terry Venables is preparing to take complete control of Portsmouth. Venables became chairman of Pompey last November and bought a 51 per cent share in the club from the former managing director Mar-

tin Gregory in February for £1. At the same time, the former England coach secured a threeyear option to buy the 45 per cent of shares which Gregory still holds. Venables is now to spend £3.5m on the shares

The Norwegian club Molde have cleared the way for Petter Rudi to join Sheffield Wednes-day in a potential £750,000 deal

later this year. The 23-year-old midfielder can remain with the club uotil the end of the Norwegian season on 19 October.

Crystal Palace have complet-ed the transfer of the Israeli international Itzhak Zohar. The 26-year-old midfielder moves to Selhurst Park in a £1.2m transfer from Royal Antwerp of

Zohar, capped 29 times, has started training with the south London club, having been grant-ed international clearance and eceived his work permit.

John Dennis is confident of igning the West Ham striker lain Dovie after the Barnsley chairman and manager, Danny

Wilson, held entensive talks with the Northern Ireland international at Oakwell yesterday in an effort to persuade the 32-yearold to move north. A fee of around £500,000 has been reed with the Hammers but Dowie now wants time to think

over the deal. Dennis said: "[Dowie] has one or two things he needs to talk over with West Ham and with his family before giving us an answer, but I believe the sitreation will be resolved within the next couple of days."

Shaun Young, the Tasmanian all-rounder, will win his first Test

cap against England at The

Oval. Young, who has impressed in his debut county

season with Gloucestershire this summer, was told his good

news yesterday after Australia's

first practice session in prepa-

ration for the final Ashes Test,

Young played in the victory

gainst Kent at Canterbury af-

ter being called up to join Aus-

tralia's squad at the end of last week. Mike Kasprowicz has

been confirmed as the replacement for the injured Jason Gillespie, while Young comes in

Devon Malcolm missed yes-

terday's England's practice at

The Oval after being given per-

mission to attend a benefit lunch. Malcoim's absence meant that

the England squad gathered in south London was cut to 12 the

Glamorgan off-spinner Robert

Croft also missing the session be-

cause he was due to attend last

night's England Cricket Board

disciplinary hearing in Bristol. David Houghton, the Wor-

cestershire coach, is backing his

against Allan Donald and col-

wickshire in the County

Championship derby at Edg-

Houghton is expecting a wick-et loaded in favour of the

bowlers in a game vital to both

sides' hopes of featuring in the

baston today.

cagues when they tackle War-

which begins tomorrow.

for Paul Reiffel.

Manchester United have destroyed thousands of pounds worth of Eric Cantona souvenirs after removing them from the dub shop's shelves. Cantona had demanded a £750,000 cut from the profits of the

Players at Newport AFC are having to chip in to pay for their team-mate Leigh Hall to have a cartilage operation. The play-er needs £1,300 for private treatment. Otherwise Hall faces being out for the whole season on the NHS waiting list.

a victory for Warwickshire will

Worcestershire in a strong position before he quits New

Road to become the national

coach of his native Zimbahwe

next week, said: "I don't think

we have beaten Warwickshire at

Edgbaston for a long time in the

Worcestershire's former Eng-

land spinner, Richard Illing-

worth, could play his first

Championship match of the

season after suffering a shoul-

der injury in a Bradford League

game at the start of the season,

but the former England fast bowler Phil Newport will be out

of action for the rest of the season with an Achilles problem.

Another former England

player, Warwickshire's opener

and vice-captain Nick Knight. is

also poised to return after being out of action for seven weeks with a broken little finger.

He will lead the side in the con-

tinuing absence of the captain,

Tim Munton, while the second-

choice captain, Andy Moles, will

have a late check on his dam-

Second-placed Kent, 10

points behind Gloucestershire

with a game in hand, will have

their opening hatsman, David

Fulton, back when they tackle

Somerset at Taunton. Fulton

broke a knuckle a mouth ago against Middlesex.

third-placed Glamorgan against

The other key match pits

Northamptonshire at Aher. gavenny. The Welshmen just six

points behind Kent, have Eng-

and Under-19 spinner Dean

aged finger.

Houghton, keen to lcave

rekindle their chances.

Young given

Test debut

by Australia

### **Dettori** praises **'the** best in world'

Racing RICHARD EDMONDSON

reports from York

We saw the last of Singspiel here yesterday and the manner of his departure made the parting all the more sorrowful

The noble five-year-old has a maximum of two races remaining in his glorious career following victory in the Inter-national Stakes on the Knavesmire and any further witnesses to a live performance will have to fly across the Atlantic for the pleasure. Singspiel leaves Europe with earnings closing on £3.7m, which makes him the most productive throughbred in history to be based on this continent, but his value cannot be measured in sterling alone. He is an animal who pleases the eye as much as the pocket. Once again yesterday he threw in front of us a unique hiend of calibre and hardiness which, by any rationalisation, must make him the best horse in the

This was the certain, if hardly impartial, assessment of Frankie Dettori, who, in fairness, has had some top-of-therange vehicles beneath him. He is the best horse I have ever ridden," the Italian said. "He has heaten them all. He's beaten Helissio, he's beaten the best American horses and now he's beaten Bosra Sham. He's undoubtedly the undisputed heavyweight champion of the

"I've ridden great horses like Lammtarra and Halling, who was electric in this race last year, but Singspiel is the best."

If the roses had to come showering down on Singspiel it was appropriate that it should



Frankle Dettori celebrates as he passes the winning post on Singspiel in the International Stakes at York vesterday

he at the setting of a searing Ebor meeting. Around the paddock there were racecards fluttering, in an alternative function as fans, which lent the mpression of a Movietone FA

Cup final. Four horses may not consititute the most thunderous spectacle the turf has ever seen, but that had not stolen anticipation for the occasion and there were plenty wanting to get on with it. The jockeys bounded down the steps into an empty parade ring and then the racecourse announcer requested them to mount, which would have been considerably easier if any horseflesh had

been visible. Desert King was the restless figure once the stalls opened, throwing his head around as he was restrained at the tail. Up front an Indian file of Ben-

SCRUTOURE PES II M V H AUENCE MAESUR

ny The Dip, Singspiel and racing's first lady, Bosra Sham,

The first decisive moment came when the turi's Cinderella lost a shoe on the entrance to the straight and for her there would he no fairy-tale ending. The second came when Dettori depressed the accelerator. "1. wanted to make a race of it because I knew my horse was a great battler, so three and a half

Photograph: Robert Hallam furlongs out I said let's go," the

ment," Stoute said. "It was a su perbly professional display."
All that remains is the final Italian reported. Singspiel hurst clear and the rest just burst. Michael Stoute and Sheikh show at Hollywood Park in the Mohammed, the winning train-Breeders' Cup Classic, which er and owner, formed the bookmay he preceded by a prep race ends at the horse's head when over the water. "I've loved having him and when he goes Singspiel was led in. The former had perspiration about his face, we'll miss him enormously," which was due to the weather Stoute said, "We" will embrace rather than worry. "He was alanyone who saw the horse ways travelling so well that we

called Singspiel.
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board will have to resolve the

One possibility that now opens up is sharing with the football

club Wigan Athletic and rugby

union club Orrell at a projected

new ground in the town that has

The football club's chair-

man, Dave Whelan, who has

been in hitter conflict with

Rathbone and Rohinson, has

said that he would not discuss

ground-sharing while they

The former Wigan player,

Martin Offiah, could make a

surprise return to the London

Broncos' side for the rest of the

season. Offiah was thought to

have played his last match for

the club when his agreement

with them ran out and the two

parties were unable to settle a

Since then, Offiah's contract

with Bedford rugby union has

expired and a move to a First Division London union dub has

not materialised. He has been

in discussions with the Broncos

chief executive, Tony Rea, and

could even return to their side

for the match against Halifax

next Monday.

Meanwhile, London have

transfer-listed their scrum-half,

Josh White, at £100,000. White

remained in charge.

new one last mouth

the local council's backing.

matter of the stadium.

### and with a game in hand - but LITTLE **ORPHANED**

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### **Reviled Robinson** steps down at Wigan

didn't have a single amious mo-

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

lack Robinson bowed to intense pressure yesterday by resigning

Robinson, chairman for the past five years and a director for 18. announced his decision after his vice-chairman. Tom Rathbone, resigned earlier in

The two men have been the object of an increasingly vitriolic campaign to remove them by shareholders and other supporters furious at the sale of the club's Central Park ground to the supermarket group, Tesco. They had fought off one attempt to unseat them at a

shareholders' meeting, but had called another in September after allegations of irregularities in the voting. Rohinson also appeared in court earlier this year, where he was found not guilty on charges

of attempting to pervert the course of justice. A section of Wigan fans, however, considered him guilty of leading the club into decline

having nowhere to play in Wigan.
The sale of the ground to Tesco means that, at most, the club has one more season at Central Park, and there are no

alternative is a loose arrangement to play as temporary tenants at Bolton Wanderers' new Reebok Stadium: but many supporters have made it clear that they hitterly oppose that A delegation marched on the

Rugby League's headquarters in Leeds two weeks ago and, even among crowds that have shrunk to a financially ruinous 6,500, the clamour for Robinson to go has grown louder.
One group of fans has taken

to standing on a road-bridge outside the ground with a partial view of the pitch, carryghanners declaring that they will not pay to enter until Robinson departs. Now they have their way. Announcing his decision,

Robinson - an antiques dealer and, like Rathbone, a member of the so-called Gang of Four directors who revitalised Wigan in the early 1980s - said yesterday: "I felt that I had taken Wigan Rugby League as far as I could. It is now up to the chairman and the new board to go forward."

The new chairman is Arthur Thomas, who joined the board earlier this season. The only other surviving director is David Bradshaw, the cluh's chief executive.

Apart from improving per-formances on the field - Wigan concrete proposals for a new are fifth in Super League and home within the town. The were beaten by both Sheffield

has already had talks with Hull and Salford hut the Broncos insist that he is under contract to them for next season.

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